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The One Price Department Store

Season's Greetings to our patrons and friends

Closing our books for the year, without thanking you for your business and good will would leave a debt unpaid.

Aug. C. Richter

Open Tuesday Morning



LADIES: We yet have lots and lots of Christmas gifts-goods which will gladden the hearts of your men friends.

Make a list of those for whom you wish gifts and this will help you to shop fast when you come in.

Your Christmas money will go a long way in our store.

GENTLEMEN: Get yourselves some new clothes.

LAST CALL!

I. ALEXANDER,
CLOTHIER AND FURNISHER.



A Christmas Treat you should not miss is a dish of our perpect ice cream. Whatever else you may have on that day don't fail to include our cream as part of the day's festivities. Nothing else will taste so good, nothing elae you can eat can be hslf so delicious, refreshing or wholesome.

Consumers Ice & Fuel Co.

VILLISTAS CAPTURED SANTA ROSALIA AND EXECUTED CARRANCISTA SOLDIERS

Carrancista Officials in Juarez Deny Report that Salazar is Now Attacking Chihuahua and that Villa is at Jimenez En Route to Aid in the Attack—Reported that Hotel in Saltillo Dynamited.

By Associated Press.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 23.—Foreign property owners of Santa Rosalia are advised that Santa Rosalia was captured by Villistas December 12. Three hundred Carranza soldiers who had entrained to go to Chihuahua were captured and practically all of them were executed, the report said, including the colonel commanding. It was also reported that Jose Inez Salazar was attacking Chihuahua City and that Villa was approaching Jimenez en route north to participate in this attack. Carranza officials here say they have no news regarding fighting at Torreon and deny the Chihuahua statement.

Report Torreon Captured.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 23.—Unconfirmed reports that Torreon has been captured by Villistas have been forwarded to Washington. The reports said that the fighting started early yesterday morning and that the city capitulated at 1 p. m.

Report Hotel Dynamited.

Eagle Pass, Texas, Dec. 23.—An unconfirmed rumor is circulating here that the Hotel Coahuila, at Saltillo, was dynamited yesterday, many Carranza officers being among those killed or injured. Carranza is reported at Saltillo, but the rumors did not locate him in the Hotel Coahuila.

Permits Labor Unions.

Queretaro, Mex., Dec. 23.—By the adoption of an article providing the right of citizens to meet for peaceful and lawful purposes, the constitutional convention makes possible the existence of labor unions.

NEW ZEALAND MAN'S STRONG STATEMENT

SAYS DUTY OF GREAT BRITAIN TO GO ON UNTIL THE POWER OF GERMANY IS BROKEN.

By Associated Press

London, Dec. 23.—Premier Massey of New Zealand says: "It is our duty to go on until the power of Germany is broken and her armies driven back over their own border. Then will be time for peace." He said he would like to see "the president of the United States hold firmly that we have carried on the war thus far without his assistance and so intend to carry it on to the end."

Allies Answer Almost Ready.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The answer of the allies to the German peace proposal is almost finished, according to the Petit Parisien today. It sets forth clearly both "the grievances of the allies and the crushing responsibilities of the Central empires."

Doubts Its Independence.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—The Lokal Anzeiger, though admitting that President Wilson's note has great political significance, wonders whether it comes as the aftermath of the German proposal to the Entente powers or is independent.

Shipping Reports Forbidden.

New York, Dec. 23.—The Associated Press was advised today by its London office that all shipping reports except announcements of casualties had been discontinued by official order.

German Liner Floated.

London, Dec. 23.—A Copenhagen despatch says that the liner Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm, stranded near the Danish island of Samoe, was floated last night. Berlin reported that the liner broke through the British blockade December 17.

To Float Another Loan.

London, Dec. 23.—A Melbourne despatch says that the commonwealth is about to float another loan of 18,000,000 pounds sterling.

Promises Submarine Mail.

Amsterdam, ec. 23.—A Berlin despatch says that ordinary mail to the United States can shortly be forwarded by commercial submarine.

Denmark Ratified Treaty.

Washington, Dec. 23.—American Minister Egan at Copenhagen was officially informed the United States of Denmark's ratification of the treaty for the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States.

HOLIDAY FOR MIDDIES.

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 23.—The Christmas holiday for the midshipmen at the United States Naval Academy began at noon today. Not until January 2 will the daily routine of studies, practice and drills be resumed. A four days' leave of absence has been granted to the cadets desiring to spend Christmas at their homes or with out-of-town friends. For those who remain at the academy over the holidays there will be a round of dinners, dances, theatrical performances and other forms of entertainment.

HORSES TO HAVE CHRISTMAS TREE.

Boston, Mass., Dec.. 23.—What is probably the first Christmas tree for dumb animals in the history of this country is to be set up tomorrow in Postoffice Square in this city. The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is sponser for the unique experiment, which is designed as an influence in teaching drivers to be kind to the beasts in their charge. The big tree will be leoded down with apples, carrots and other things that the horses crave and will be as well decorated as the thousands of other trees in the city which will gladden the hearts of the youngsters on Christmas morning.

CHRISTMAS AT RIDEAU HALL.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 23.—The Christmas festial at Rideau Hall, the official residence of the Governor-General of Canada, will be observed by its new occupants, the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, with all the customs traditional to the English Yuletide. For the servants and employes there will be a big Christmas tree and the distribution of the presents will be followed by a dance in which all of the members of the household will join.

On Christmas morning the vice-regal party will attend the special service at the Anglican Cathedral. In the evening there will be a dinner at which the official household and a few special guests will be present.

Both the Duke and the Duchess of Devonshire are devoted to outdoor sports and have entered with zest into the Winter sports peculiar to Canada. The snow-covered surroundings are no novelty to the Duchess, who spent a considerable portion of her girlhood in Ottawa, where her father, the Marquis of Landsdowne, served as Governor-General from 1883 to 1888.

SWITCHMEN GIVEN THE EIGHT HOUR DAY

STRAIGHT TIME FOR OVERTIME AND FIVE CENTS AN HOUR FOR FOREMEN AND HELPERS.

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 23.—An eight-hour day, with straight pro rate time for overtime, was granted the Switchmen's Union by the federal arbitration board in the decision of the switchmen's controversy with the railroads. Foremen and helpers get 5c an hour increase.

SOLDIERS THREATEN BOYCOTT.

By Associated Press

Brownsville, Texas, Dec. 23.—It is reported here that the soldiers threaten to boycott San Benito merchants because the school board there refuses to rescind its order requiring school teachers to refrain from dancing.

SAILED FOR ANTARTIC.

By Associated Press

Dunedin, New Zealand, Dec. 23.—Sir Ernest Shackleton sailed today from Port Chalmers for the Antartic in an effort to rescue members of his Antartic expedition marooned near the Ross barrier.

CHICAGO TO PROVIDE XMAS CHEER FOR ALL.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 23.—If anyone in Chicago does not share in the spirit of Christmas this year it will probably be his own fault, for nothing that foresight can direct is being neglected to make the holiday one of happiness for all. Churches of every denomination have arranged for special services, numerous dinners are to be given to those who are unable to provide their own turkey, and the usual accompaniments, and even in the hospitals, asylums, prisons, and homes for orphans and the aged celebrations will be held. The downtown missions, the Salvation Army, Volunteers and similar organizations have arranged to give the customary free dinners and entertainment for the poor. Several of the largest halls and assembly places in the city have been engaged for these dinners. In addition, approximately 10,000 of the city's poor will sit down to Christmas dinners in their own homes as guests of Chicago Lodge of Elks No. 4. The lodge, in accord with its annual custom, will distribute baskets to 2,000 families.

SPORTING NOTES.

Several of Colgate's crack football players who starred for Bankart's great machine are members of the Colgate hockey team.

Three veteran knights of the ring, Jimmy Walsh, Steve O'Donnell and Joe Foley, are coaching Harvard students in the manly art of self-defense.

Jack Dillon and Bob Moha are billed to box for the light heavyweight championship at Dayton on New Year's Day. The contract calls for a 15-round bout.

Manager Wilbert Robinson of the Brooklyn champions intimates that he has plans in mind to give Fred Merkle a tryout at the short field position next Spring.

STATEMENT OF THE
LAREDO NATIONAL BANK
LAREDO, TEXAS

At the Close of Business, Nov. 17, 1916, as rendered to the Comptroller of the Currency
CONDENSED.

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	$ 978,632.41	Capital Stock	$ 200,000.00
Bank Building, Furniture and Fixtures	57,513.83	Surplus Fund	50,000.00
United States Bonds	165,000.00	Undivided Profits, net	131,247.35
Other Bonds and Securities	13,321.79	Circulation	148,100.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	7,500.00	Deposits	1,204,372.94
Cash and Exchange	511,752.26		
Total	$1,733,720.29	Total	$1,733,720.29

J. K. BERETTA, President. SAM W. BROWN, Cashier.
B. M. ALEXANDER, Vice. President.. P. W. BUTTRON, Ass't Cashier.



CHRISTMAS IS COMING AND ARE NOT YOU COMING TO OUR "HARDWARE" STORE TO SEE WHAT "WE" HAVE WHICH WILL MAKE CHRISTMAS GIFTS?

IN OUR STORE A LITTLE MONEY WILL BUY LOTS OF PRESENTS:

COME AND SEE.

OUR PRESENTS ARE BEST: THEY STAND THE TEST.

A. DEUTZ & BROTHER

A Useful Gift
IS THE MOST APPRECIATED

Pocket Knives, Vacuum Bottles, Percolators, Flash Lights, Guns, Lunch Kits, Aluminum ware and innumerable other things which we carry, make ideal gifts

Call and let us show them to you

JOSEPH NETZER

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE
The Reliable Playhouse, The Unique that affords to its patrons security and comfort
BEST MUSIC, BEST FILM SERVICE
—TODAY—

Robert Warwick and Gail Kane in "THE HEART OF A HERO," in six parts. A visualization of the life of Nathan Hale, founded on the play "Nathan Hale," by Clyde Fitch.

Other comedy reels.

Tomorrow: Triangle Plays—Frank Keenan and Enid Markey in "JIM CROSBY'S BOY."

Admission—Adults: 10c, children 5c, box seats 15c.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:

Tonight and Sunday generally cloudy; warmer.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:

Max. temp. 60 degs.

Min. temp. 32 degs.

General direction of wind: Northeast.

Chamberlain's Tablets.

Chamberlain's Tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation, and have met with much success in the treatment of those diseases. People who have suffered for years with stomach trouble and have been unable to obtain any permanent relief, have been completely cured by the use of these tablets. Chamberlain's Tablets are also of great value for biliousness. Chronic constipation may be permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and observing the plain printed directions with each bottle.

From Friday's Daily.

SENSE VS. SENSIBILITY.

The recent proposal to use every means possible to rid New Jersey of the pestiferous English sparrow, including the use of the boy scouts as agents in the slaughter, has aroused the tender sentimentalists, as was to have been expected, and a burst of mawkishness has come from some of the "humane" societies that threatens to prevent the campaign from being carried into effect.

All sensible people are a unit in declaring that there is not a single mitigating circumstance in favor of the English sparrow. He is a nuisance, he causes more damage than all the other birds put together, he will not permit other birds to nest in his habitat, and his kind multiplies so rapidly that without a preventive campaign we should be threatened with the destruction of all our songbirds, our fruit and vegetable gardens and our peace of mind.

The "humane" people are fearful lest such a campaign by the boy scouts should result in the dehumanizing of the boys and should teach them to kill without reason. This might, in turn, influence their whole lives!

The absurdity of such a statement should be immediately apparent to anyone who has studied boy nature. Every boy—with but few exceptions—is a lover of slaughter. He delights in the hunt, and when nothing else will serve he chases the neighbor's cat. But there are few of whom it can be said that this trait follows the boy into his manhood years.

The Audubon Society and others now unnecessarily exciting themselves over the "cruelty" of the campaign against the sparrows have done much good work. They have prevented the needless and useless slaughter of many wild birds. they have put an end to the ruthless killing of the egrets and other birds whose plumage was worn by the very women who deplored the cruel practices, and they have done much to humanize some whose only thought was dollars and cents, no matter how gained.

But they have also been the cause of much mischievous legislation, and they have stirred up much strife and turmoil. This time they have overstepped the mark, and it is likely that their (sometimes) pernicious activities will meet with a check.

In many of the states of the Union the people have become educated to an enormity of killing songbirds and destroying the birds which combat our insect pests. But the sparrows are not insect destroyers; they eat grain, young plants, seeds, especially after planting and before they have had time to germinate, they eat the eggs and destroy the nests of other birds, they befoul porches and dwellings, they bring vermin to the houses which are only slightly less a pest than the sparrows themselves— in short, they do much damage and not a bit of good.

In almost every state the sparrow is an outlaw, with a price on his head. He deserves no more pity than a snake or a tarantula. It would be considered a worthy deed for a boy scout to kill a centipede or a scorpion; then why should it be considered a "cruel" act for him to destroy an English sparrow?

A cople of generations ago there was a sentimental feeling that a child should not be taught to kill flies or spiders, because it might teach him to grow up a murderer. The little fly was represented as being as much entitled to live as the boy. But thanks to modern enlightenment, the modern child is taught to kill the fly as being more deadly than the tiger, and more dangerous to the community. Yet we do not hear any wail from the Audobon Society concerning the "unwarranted slaughter" of the flies.

There are three carriers of disease that should be exterminated—flies, rats and English sparrows. All are not equally dangerous, it is true, but if any one of the three deserves more consideration than the others, it is the rat. English sparrows are beyond the pale; they deserve no mercy, and the day that sees us freed of their presence will be a glad day for the country.

NEW STORM CENTER.

While the nations of Europe are getting tired of war and each is secretly hoping that the other fellow will make overtures for peace, the big nations of the South American continent are threatening to go to war over a boundary dispute.

Efforts to form a new A. B. C. concert failed, and the conference called for November 15 in Rio de Janeiro did not materialize mainly because the newly elected government in Argentina was not in sympathy with the arbitration program, accepted in principle by both Argentina and Chile. Of course there was nothing for the latter to do but withdraw its approval and Brazil was left without support of the proposition.

One of the main troubles is the boundary dispute between Argentina and Uruguay, the former having spent huge sums of money in dredging the river Plate and claiming in return some islands in the river which were formerly claimed by Uruguay.

It is claimed that a secret agreement has existed for some time between Brazil and Uruguay, and Chile is expected to join the alliance for purely mercenary reasons—that is, reasons connected with claims for territory.

Chile is still vexedly awaiting the outcome of a boundary dispute with Peru resulting from the war in 1880, in which Chile was victorious. Some rich lands were awarded to Chile in the treaty of peace, but Chile has never been able to dominate the territory, in which she has but a few inhabitants, mainly the garrisons. Now the people resident in that section are demanding a plebiscite to determinte to which government they belong, and Chile does not dare to accede to their request for fear of losing the territory which she claims by right of conquest.

For many years South America has been free from revolutions and has consequently prospered. It is a well known fact that prosperity is always the cause of revolutions among the Latin-Americans, the reverse of the case with other peoples, who invariably revolt when conditions are so bad that they could hardly be worse.

The Pan-American agreement is becoming unsatisfactory to some of the southern republics, who are averse to any plan which will prevent them from following the national sport of revolution, and every time the dissatisfaction breaks out openly in the press or in public meetings our "arrogance" in upbuilding the Monroe doctrine comes in for a tongue-lashing.

Nothing would better please some of the European powers, those perennial mischief-makers, than to see South America involved in a continental war. This would mean the expenditure of much money for munitions of war, with a complete paralysis of industry and a consequent enormous trade with the European countries.

Of course, the South American war will not materialize until after peace has been declared in Europe. Even a South American revolutionist sees the impossibility of conducting a revolution without arms and ammunition, and it is a foregone conclusion that the United States will not help her Southern neighbors to carry on a disastrous war.

Should the present difficulties culminate in war, there will be the usual filibustering expeditions, the "soldiers of fortune," the international disturbances and the other concomitants of "trouble in Latin-America," which for a generation has been confned to the sporadic attempts in Nicaragua, Guatemala and Mexico.

But modern science, with the wireless, the somewhat increased navy of the United States, the very perfect system of espionage and the desire of the great powers for peace will prevent much of the sort of trouble that worried Polk and other presidents who attempted to prevent violations of our neutrality. And the shrift of attempted filibusters will be short in these modern times.

President Wilson and Secretary Lansing do not arrogate the right to dictate peace to the belligerents, but they do want them to state what they are fighting for, so that if possible the matter may be settled.

The range of temperature in Texas is almost as great as that from Maine to Florida. Zero at Amarillo and 64 degrees above at Brownsville shows the range of climate we have, even in the winter.

The Texas Company is among those which will pay a bonus to its employees this year. Those receiving less than $2,500 a year are to receive ten per cent of their annual wages. This is a substantial sort of a Christmas present and the act is deserving of commendation.

War stocks and wheat are sympathetically declining with all this talk of peace. Well, war can make some prices soar skyward, but it takes peace to put them all on a normal footing. And the people who benefit by war don't deserve any sympathy.

Sick Liver Causes Dizziness

Headache, biliousness, chronic constipation and muddy complexion are signs that your overworked liver needs Po-Do-Lax to take up a part of the burden. Po-Do-Lax is Nature's remedy, a liquid laxative derived from the May-apple, a gentle liver stimulant that increases the flow of bile and by its mildly laxative quality carries off the impurities that have clogged the intestines and aids Nature to clear the blood. Get a bottle to-day. At all Druggists, 50c. •

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

DECEMBER 22

1699—Gregorian calendar first used, by the Protestants of Germany.

1719—First issue of the American Weekly Mercury , the first paper printed in Pennsylvania and the second in the United States.

1803—The United States took possession of Louisiana, bought of France for $12,000,000.

1807—Embargo declared, closing the ports of the United States against British commerce.

1835—Independence of Texas from Mexico proclaimed.

1842—A small body of troops, some 250 in number, from Texas invaded Mexico, were defeated and taken prisoners.

1854—The British Parliament passed a law permitting the enlistment of foreigners, as officers and soldiers, in the British army.

1879—General Roberts won great British victory over Afghans at the Battle of Eherpur.

1880—George Eliot (Mary Ann Evans, Mrs. Cross,) famous English novelist, died, aged 60.

1894—Capt. Alfred Dreyfus of the French Army found guilty of betraying state secrets to Germany and sentenced for life to banishment on Devil's Island, French Guiana.

1899—Dwinght L. Moody, famous evangelist, died at East Northfield, Mass., born at East Northfield, Feb. 5, 1837.

1905—Herbert H. D. Pierce appointed first United States Minister to Norway.

1905—Arrest of several conspirators seeking overthrow of Government of Columbia.

1915—Acting Chinese Parliament declared people had voted for monarchy and Yuan Shi-kai announced his acceptance of the throne.

1914—THE WAR:
In the French Parliament, re-assembled at Paris, Premier Viviani declares for pursuance of the war until German militarism is crushed. Dover, England, bombed by German airmen

1915—THE WAR:
Serious dissensions reported among Ford peace pilgrims. Premier Skouloudis of Greece announced that Allies had refused to comply with Greek plan to force the Dardanelles.

NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS TODAY.

DECEMBER 22

Frank B. Kellog, United States Senator-elect from Minnesota, commonly known as "the trust buster," is 60 years old today. Mr. Kellog triumphed by a handsome margin on Nov. 7 over his Democratic opponent, Daniel W. Lawler. The new Senator was born in New York State but carly removed to Minnesota and there spent his boyhood on a farm. He was admitted to the Minnesota bar in 1878 and soon after won recognition as one of its ablest lawyers. In recent years his prosecutions of trusts in all parts of the United States have won him the name of "trust buster." He won particular fame through his cases against the paper trust, the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroad corporations and the Standard Oil Co., and was the counsel for the Interstate Commerce Commission in its investigation of the Harriman railroad. He has been president of the American Bar Association and from 1904 to 1912 was a member of the Republican National Committee. This is his first elective office.

INFURIATED MAN WITH KNIFE.

Quarreled With Wife and Stabbed Her, and Then, Pursued by Policeman, Plunged Knife in Him.

A double tragedy was almost enacted in Nuevo Laredo yesterday, when an infuriated man named Tranquilino Gomez, who had returned there a few days ago an absence of several months in the United States took offense at something his wife said and stabbed her several times with a dagger while she was preparing the morning meal.

After stabbing his wife Gomez fled into the street pursued by a policeman who had been attracted to the scene, and a merry chase occurred, the officer pursuing the would-be assassin and firing two shots at him. Finally the officer stumbled and fell and Gomez, pouncing on the policeman, stabbed him twice, and then tried to get away again, but several persons in the neighborhood who had been attracted by the shooting and chase, overpowered the infuriated man and turned him over to the authorities, who landed him in jail. The wife and the policeman are both in the hospital suffering from serious wounds, though both may recover.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SENDS GHRISTMAS BOX TO GUARDSMEN

70 LAREDO BOYS WILL BE IN CORPUS CHRISTMAS DAY.

Box Will be Delivered by Wells. Fargo & Co. Saturday Morning.

The Laredo Chamber of Commerce shipped a large Christmas box this morning to Company I, Second Texas Infantry (the Laredo company) now encamped at Camp Scurry, Corpus Christi. There will be seventy of our boys in the military camp at Corpus Christi Christmas day and the box is sent as a remembrance and token of appreciation.

The Chamber of Commerce contributed a large box of apples, a large sack of mixed nuts, sufficient to supply the entire company, and several boxes of cigars. There were a number of contributions sent by Laredo citizens shipped in the box, but these remembrances were mainly sent to individual members.

Weiss, Fargo & Co. Express made a special rate of $1 per box sent to the militia regiments regardless of size or weight and boxes have been sent to the guardsmen from all points in the state. The box sent from Laredo weighed nearly two hundred pounds and the absent guardsmen will feel that they have not been forgotten on Christmas day by the people of Laredo.

The Laredo Chamber of Commerce had planned to send a shipment of turkeys, but the plans were changed when it was learned that the United States Government had already made provision for a turkey dinner for the guardsmen.

Attention! Knights Templar.

Sir Knights of Malta Commandery No. 32 will assemble in the Asylum at 10:30 o'clock Monday morning, December 25th, for "Christmas Observance." All sojourning Sir Knights are cordially invited to participate.

By Order of the Commander.

W. H. MIMS, Recorder.

12-22-2t.

CAN PREVENT FIRE LOSSES.

The State Fire Marshal Sends Out Circular Letter That Can be Heeded With Benefit to All.

The following is a copy of a circular letter sent out by the state fire marshal and can be heeded with benefit to all concerned:

Immediately following the 1915 Christmas holidays, this department sent inquiries to all city fire marshals in Texas asking for the total fire losses due to fireworks, and the number of persons injured from that compilation of the 240 replies receivcause during the holiday season. A ed shows that the total fire loss in the 240 cities and towns replying was approximately $5,000,000 and the number of persons injured four—none seriously. The fire loss was confined to twelve towns, which may be said to be a good record. But why any loss at all; fires due to fireworks are preventable and are utterly inexcusable.

Notwithstanding our progress made toward safer Christmas celebrations, it is perhaps too much to expect that the approaching holidays will pass into history without some trace of sorrow in their wake; but we can at least minimize the chances for casualties that come as the result of indiscriminate use of fireworks and other joy producing agencies. If fireworks must be used, those in authority should limit them to the public parks or vacant plots of ground away from all buildings. Firing off explosives in the closely built wood shingle-roof frame-house districts which compose the greater area of our municipalities, should not be permitted under any circumstances.

The department calls attention also to the danger of decorating Christmas trees with paper, cotton, or any other inflammable material. Metallic tinsel and other non-inflammable decorations only should be employed, and the tree should be set secure so that children in reaching for things cannot tip it over.

And, Mr. Merchant: Holiday fires in stores, churches and bazaars are usually holocausts. Light inflammable decorations make fires easy to start and easy to spread. A match, gas flame, or an electrical defect may do it. Watch the gas jets. See to it that decorations are not carried against them by air currents. And look after the smoker. Do not permit him to light up inside your place of business. Never make a change in your wiring without the advice of your electrical inspector.

"A house of merriment is better than a house of mourning." We should not permit the Holiday Season to wind up in ashes and despondency.

S. W. INGLISH,
State Fire Marshal.
Austin, Texas.

LAREDO'S SUCCESSFUL CITIZENS



ENRIQUE BENAVIDES.

Enrique Benavides, one of Laredo's prominent young business men, junior partner of the Cia. Ferretera del Rio Bravo, was born in this city November 23, 1885 and received his education here. Mr. Benavides is a young man who has enjoyed a varied experience, having made a success in lines requiring both manual labor and exercise of mature mental ability.

After attendance at public and private schools in this city, Mr. Benavides at 17 years of age accepted employment as messenger with the Texas-Mexican Railroad in which position he remained for about a year, then accepting a position as express messenger, running into Mexico, which important work he followed for a period of eight years, then returning to Laredo and taking employment with the Texas-Mexican Railroad as brakeman, retiring from this position to devote attention to ranching and two years ago became identified with the Cia. Ferretera del Rio Bravo, Laredo's well-known harware concern.

Prominent in social, club and business circles Mr. Benavides has as a result of his frank, pleasing personality, been in great part responsible for the big business transacted by the firm with which he is identified, and is justly recognized by a vast number of friends as one of Laredo's young business men of great promise.

ADMINISTRATRIX QUALIFIES.

Mrs. S. V. de Zertuche Yesterday Qualified as Administratrix of Estate of Husband.

In vacation yesterday afternoon the Webb county probate court transacted special business coming up for consideration.

Mrs. Sara Villareal de Zertuche qualified as temporary administratrix of her deceased husband, Jose Maria Zertuche. The bond was placed at $2,000.

BOND WAS APPROVED TODAY.

Alamo Construction Co. Furnishes Commissioners Court With Construction Bond and Was Approved.

The guaranty bond for the contract of the Alamo Construction Company, which was recently awarded them for the construction of the steel bridge over the Santa Isabel Creek, was received today by the county commissioners court and was approved by that body and filed away.

It is the intention of the Alamo Construction Co. to begin the work of construction of the bridge immediately after the holidays and to have it ready for traffic within ninety days.

THAT BAD BACK.

Do you have a dull, steady ache in the small of the back—sharp, stabbing twinges when stooping or lifting—distressing urinary disorders? For bad back and weakened kidneys Laredo residents recomended Doan's Kidney Pills. Read this Laredo man's statement.

E. T. Ramon, merchant, 1619 Lincoln St., Laredo, says: "I have suffered from attacks of backache for some time. I have dull, throbbing pains through my kidneys, so that I cannot stoop or straighten up again without suffering greatly. When one of these attacks comes on, I use Doan's Kidney Pills and they never fail to remove the trouble. They ease the pain and make me feel better generally."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Ramon uses. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Lingering Coughs Are Dangerous

Get rid of that tickling cough that keps you awake at night and drains our vitality and energy. Dr. King's New Discovery is a pleasant balsam remedy, antiseptic, laxative and promptly effective. It soothes the irritated membrane and kills the cold germs; your cough is soon relieved. Delay is dangerous—get Dr. King's New Discovery at once. For nearly fifty years it has been the favorite remedy for grippe, croup, coughs and colds. Get a bottle today at your Druggists, 50c. •

TEXAS-MEXICAN PRESENTS SENT HOME BY GUARDSMEN

REMEMBERING FOLKS AT HOME WITH APPROPRIATE GIFTS.

Armadilla Baskets Galore Being Sent, While Mexican Articles of Various Kinds Also Being Used.

One interesting feature in connection with many thousand national guardsmen from various states spending their Christmas on the Texas border is the fact that thousands of dollars worth of presents consisting of articles produced in Texas or Mexico will find their ways into many homes of the soldiers in other states this Christmas and prove a lasting remembrance of the service of the national guardsmen on the Texas-Mexican border.

Of the typical Texas presents being bought in large numbers by the Missouri, New Hampshire and Florida national guardsmen stationed in Laredo there are the armadilla baskets, mounted wild animals indigenous to the Lone Star state and other remembrances, while of the Mexican articles being sent home in large numbers by parcels post and express there is a large quantity of Mexican drawn work dress patterns, table cloths, doilies, handkerchiefs, etc., Mexican hand-carved walking sticks, Mexican earthenware statuary and toys, pottery, Mexican pyrography and fancy leather and ixtle goods, Mexican typical earthenware statuary and numerous other articles that will make presents entirely different from what the mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, wives or sweethearts of men at present national guardsmen have been accustomed to receiving.

Within the past few days several thousand dollars' worth of Mexican goods have been sent to their home places by the national guardsmen, and all this will tend to bring the Texas border, Laredo and Mexico prominently into the eye of the receivers and be an enduring remembrance of the boys who answered the call and saw service as representatives of their states along the Rio Grande the greater part of the year 1916.

Last Warning.

Take out your automobile license by the first day of January or pay your fine. You will have no excuse for violating this ordinance.

ROBT. McCOMB,
Mayor.

12-20-10t.

How to Prevent Croup.

In a child that is subject to attacks of croup, the first indication of the disease is hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off and all danger and anxiety. •

White Christmas Service.

All friends of the Methodist church are invited to attend the White Christmas service given by the Sunday School at the church Monday night. Everything will be white, and the offering will come from white hearts and go to the Orphans Home to make other little lives happy.

First Methodist Sunday School.

Notice to Auto Owners.

This is to notify all auto owners that I am now ready to issue 1917 licenses for autos. Come early and avoid the rush.

D. C. de LACHICA,
City Tax Collector.
12-14-15t.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION.

Clerk-Carrier Position in the Laredo Laredo Postoffice Will be Competed For on January 13.

A United States Civil Service Competitive Examination for the position of clerk-carrier in the postoffice at Laredo will be held on January 13 at the custom house in this city commencing at 9 o'clock a. m.

Applications for this examination must be made on the prescribed form, which, with necessary instructions, may be obtained from the local secretary of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, or from the Secretary of Tenth U. S. Civil Service District, New Orleans, La.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

This is not only one of the best and most efficient medicines for coughs, colds and croup, but is also pleasant and safe to take, which is important when medicines must be given to children. Many mothers have given it their unqualified endorsement. •

TIMES WANT ADS.

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LITTLE LOCALS

—Today and tomorrow will be rush days with the clerks in the numerous business establishments of Laredo handling holiday goods. For the accommodation of belated purchasers many stores are keeping open until 10 o'clock at night and tomorrow night promises a rush in all establishments unprecedented in previous years.

—Many of the national guardsmen here from other states have sent to their homes Christmas presents different than they have been accustomed to giving in past years—many Mexican fancy articles and other goods imported from Mexico constitute the presents given this year, and they will be moreso appreciated because they come from the boys down on the Texas border.

—Tamales—15 cents per dozen. Fresh daily. Ross' Dairy Lunch. Market Plaza. 12-18-1m.

—These are busy days for the registry, parcels post and general delivery clerks and the mail carriers of the postoffice, and they are having their time fully occupied from the minute they open until they close. The mail carriers these days look like real representatives of Santa Claus with the numerous bundles piled on their bicycles and even on their backs.

—See R. Flores & Bro. for toys. North side Market Plaza. 12-11-12t.

Postcard greetings galore are going and coming now, and the salutary wishes, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year," though a trite one, are printed on all cards received or sent just now. And then there are some who use the faculty they possess and indicate original greetings, which is more characteristic of the sender than the old commonplace greetings.

—Taxidermy in all its branches. Animals mounted true to life. Skins tanned and made into rugs. W. R. Muter, phone 774. 12-6-tf.

—Besides a large amount of material crossed to the American side of the Rio Grande by carts, the following imports from Mexico arrived here in carload lots yesterday afternoon: Seventeen carloads of ixtle, sixteen carloads of calamine, two carloads of miscellaneous goods, one carload of wool and one carload of hides.

—Before you buy your toys see R. Flores & Bro. North side Market Plaza. 12-11-12t.

—The nomination committee of the temporary organization of the Rotary Club held a meeting yesterday afternoon and adjourned until a later date to further consider material that would make a good president for the new organization. The Rotarians propose to start things right when they organize permanently, and for that reason are going ahead carefully and slow.

—Doctors Wilson and Stafford, DENTISTS. Office over People's Pharmacy. Phone 746. 10-10-tf.

—Specially arranged and appropriately ornamented blanks for use in transmitting holidays greetings have been received by the Western Union telegraph office here. The messages will be sent on this character of handsome blanks and delivered on a similar blank.

—Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg Shorthand, evening lessons only. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times office. 10-11-tf.

—A marriage license was issued by the county clerk yesterday to Sid Spivey and Miss Guillermina Lopez.

—Lott Taylor and his son, Lott, Jr., left early this morning on a deer hunt and by ten o'clock were back in the city with a eleven point buck. Mr. Taylor was fortunate enough to find his game within twelve miles of the city.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office. 6-5-tf (Adv.)

—This afternoon the public schools close for the holidays and will not resume their sessions until January 2. Tomorrow the banks close at noon and will not reopen until Tuesday morning. Many business houses will close on Saturday night and not reopen until Tuesday morning.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans.

4-24-tf. (Adv.)

VIOLATED IMMIGRATION ACT.

Juan Lopez, Arrested Recently for Transporting Immigrants to American Side, is Bound Over.

Another Mexican, Juan Lopez, charged with violation of the immigration act, was tried before United States Commissioner Foster this morning and bound over to the federal grand jury in the sum of $100, which he failed to provide and was remanded to the county jail.

Lopez is charged [illegible] the offense of having transported [illegible] this side of the Rio Gran[illegible]ting in evading the immigr[illegible]orties.

From Thursday's Daily.

BLIZZARD DIDN'T ARRIVE; ONLY LIGHT NORTHER INSTEAD

SOME PEOPLE EXPECTED TO FIND ICICLES THIS MORNING.

But in This Section of Uncertain Weather the Wise Ones Predict Nothing Until it Materializes.

While the big change in temperature with intense cold predicted to strike this section during last night failed to materialize as a whole, a decided drop in the temperature was recorded this morning, but the mercury did not tumble down to the freezing point, and much less the predicted temperature with a minimum of about sixteen degrees above zero. However, no one is worried over its failure to get as cold as predicted.

At this season of the year the variegated temperatures that are consistent with the winter season may one day bring real cold weather and the next moderation results to such an extent that it is likened unto the springtime, but in December, January and February the "old-time inhabitants" of Laredo, by custom, have learned to expect one kind of weather when they go into slumberland at night and a decided change when they arouse from their nocturnal rest in the morning.

But generally there is ideal weather conditions prevalent on Christmas day in Laredo, and even now the indications are favorable for fine weather for the next few days, with an intermittent cold snap tonight or tomorrow, but that is all.

ACTION ON BANDIT CASES.

Deferred by the Court of Criminal Appeals at Austin Until Sometime After the Holidays.

The hearing of the appeal of the cases of Jose Antonio Arce, Jesus Maria Cerda, Vicente Lira and Paulino Sanchez, the three men captured after the battle of San Ignacio with American troops on June 15, and who were each given the death penalty in district court here on July 15, was to have come up in the court of criminal appeals at Austin yesterday, but advices received today say the hearing has been postponed until after the holidays.

The four men mentioned, all Mexican bandits and confessed participants in the trouble at San Ignacio, are in the county jail. The trial of the cases against the quartet here last July attracted considerable attention, and the verdict of the jury assessing the death penalty against them appeared to meet with general approbation. The late P. L. Townes was one of the attorneys appointed by the court to defend the three bandits and he made a hard fight for them, and when their fate was decided by the jury a motion for a new trial was made and overruled and then the case was taken on appeal to the court of criminal appeals, where it has since rested. A decision is now expected early in January.

LAREDO STORES ARE BUSY.

Large Throngs Invade Business Establishments by Day and Night and Big Business Being Done.

In order to accommodate those who have delayed their shopping until this late time, many of the business houses of Laredo which generally close their stores early in the evening are now keeping "open house" until about 10 o'clock each night to accommodate belated purchasers.

Among the many purchasers of Christmas goods visiting the business establishments these days are numerous patrons from the surrounding country, as well as people from Encinal, Webb and other points on the I. & G. N. road and Pescadito, Brunl, Reiser, Hebbronville and other places on the Texas-Mexican road. In addition to these there are numerous parties coming in daily from various portions of Mexico and making extensive purchases of Christmas gifts and other articles which are shipped out immediately by express to their destinations in Mexico, but this is done after the goods are carted over to Nuevo Laredo.

Lame back may come from over work, cold settled in the muscles of the back, or from disease. In the two former cases the right remedy is BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It should be rubbed in thoroughly over the affected part, the relief will be prompt and satisfactory. Price 25c, 50c and $1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists. x

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LAREDO'S SUCCESSFUL CITIZENS



CHARLES E. SOLTAU.

Charles E. Soltau, proprietor and manager of the Bender Hotel, is a self-made man in all that the word implies and has experienced some of the vicissitudes of life which come to few. Born at Scranton, Pa., September 27, 1875, Mr. Soltau attended the public schools of that city from 1880 to 1883, inclusive, when at the early age of 9 years he was compelled to seek his own living and commenced work as a newsboy, later working as bellboy at the Preston Hotel, the Astor House and Grand Hotel in New Yorw City. After several years as a hotel employe, Mr. Soltau, desirous of completing his education, which was self-acquired, attended New York University during the years 1888, 1889 and 1890 and upon completion of his studies accepted employment as sales agent for a wholesale tea house of New York City, following that line of business from 1894 to 1897. With the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, Mr. Soltau joined the United States Army and served from 1898 to 1913, inclusive, participating in several notable campaigns and when he decided to return to civil life received an honorable discharge with "character excellent" which is an army recommendation highly prized.

Mr. Soltau came to Laredo January 9, 1914, and became proprietor and manager of the Bender Hotel, which position he has so efficiently handled that the hostelry is known country-wide and Mr. Soltau has built up a circle of appreciative friends which extends from coast to coast.

The Bender Hotel owes its popularity to the efficient service rendered under the management of Mr. Soltau, who is in the category of Laredo's successful business men.

LITTLE LOCALS

—The public schools will close their sessions for the holidays tomorrow afternoon in order to give teachers and pupils an opportunity to go elsewhere to spend Christmas and New Year. On Tuesday morning, January 2, 1917, the sessions will be resumed and the same old routine taken up.

—One has to drop in line and await his turn these days at the registered mail and parcels post windows at the postoffice if he hopes to get a package on its way. It is a case of "first come, first served," and the crowd on hand these days are generally large ones. Christmas packages are rolling out and rolling in also in large numbers.

—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since the last report: Enrique Espinoza and Mrs. Julia Esparza, Nicandro Villareal and Miss Eliza E. Botello.

—A meeting of the committee of the temporary organization of the Laredo Rotary Club is scheduled to be held at the Chamber of Commerce rooms this afternoon at 3 o'clock, at which time one of the members of the new organization will be named for president of the permanent organization.

—The Second Missouri Infantry and the units which were ordered home for demobilization are still awaiting the arrival of railway equipment to take them on their journey to Fort Riley, Kansas, where they will make a short stop, be mustered out of the federal service and then return to their homes in various parts of Missouri.

—Many a couple who this Christmas have something more than a "fence running around their home" are perplexed about what to get for a suitable Christmas present. Of course a "rattler" is alright, but everyone thinks of an affair of that kind and fond parents are desirous of getting something different. A miniature Ford is also a suitable article.

—The importations through this port from Mexico yesterday consisted of seventeen carloads of calamine, three carloads of hides, one carload of bones and one carload of ixtle. In addition there was a large quantity of material crossed in small quantities to the American side by cart.

SOCIETY

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt
Editor . . . Phone 70

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Thursday.

Gilbreath - Brown wedding, which will take place at half after six o'clock at the First Methodist church.

Luther's Cradle Hymn.

Away in a manger,
No crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus
Laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky
Looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus,
Asleep in the hay.

The cattle are lowing,
The poor baby wakes;
But little Lord Jesus
No crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus!
Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle
To watch lullaby.

General Mention.

Misses Ofelia Garcia and Antoinette Ligarde arrived home yesterday from college in Austin to spend the vacation with their parents.

Mr. Davis McGown left last night for San Antonio to spend the holidays with his parents.

Edwin Wormser arrived from San Marcos on Sunday to spend the holidays with his parents.

Mr. R. L. Woodul returned yesterday from a short trip to San Antonio.

Miss Jo Gray will leave Saturday for Austin to spend the holidays with her parents.

Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Hamilton are in San Antonio for a short stay.

Marcus Wormser will arrive from Bryan the latter part of the week to spend the holidays.

Christmas greetings have been received from Ray McLane, who is now living in Los Angeles, Cal.

James Greer will arrive the latter part of the week to spend the holidays with his parents.

Miss Williams, sister of Mr. J. H. Williams, after visiting her brother for the past six weeks, left on the noon train for her home in DeLeon. She was accompanied by Mr. Williams.

Mrs. Fido Burr and little son, Aulus, will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Burr at Las Flores ranch during the Christmas holidays.

Miss Anita Mullally will arrive today from Denton to spend the holidays.

Ed. Mullally will be home tomorrow from College Station to spend the holidays with his parents.

The attendants in the Gilbreath-Brown wedding party today will be: Mrs. John Tucker Halsell, matron of honor; Miss McMeans, maid of honor; Maids: Misses Theodora Gullette, Bess Denning, Nell Storey, Lillian Westbrook; Best man, Lieutenant Dwan; Ushers: Lieutenants Herr, Hemphill, Percy Winch and Prinz Buttron.

Dinner-Dance.

Dr. and Mrs. John Tucker Halsell entertained very beautifully last evening at the Hotel Hamilton with a dinner-dance complimenting Miss Edna Brown and her bridal party. The table was charming in its decorations of rose, silver and violet. A tall silver basket with smilax-entwined handle, filled with exquisite pink Killarney roses, formed the centerpiece and was encircled with delicate sprays of asparagus plumosa, smilax and long leaves of forest ferns; from this radiated trailing sprays of smilax and fern which extended to the ends of the table. Small bowls of violets nestled midst the fern and crystal candlesticks holding pink-shaded tapers shed a rosy glow. Unusual place cards were used to mark the places, those for the ladies being being dainty maids hand-painted and dressed in rose tulle, and for the men there were chic bathing girls with rose taffeta skirts. The favors were bonbon-filled boxes holding ribbon lingerie clasps for the ladies and rose moire bonbon cases made to represent miniature collar bags for the men. A six-course dinner was served and dancing was enjoyed throughout the evening. Covers were laid for Misses Edna Brown, Theodora Gullette, Bess Denning, Bertie Linn McMeans, Nell Storey, Eva Austin, Lillian Westbrook, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Austin, Dr. and Mrs. Garlick, Lieutenants Gilbreath, Dwan, Herr, Hemphill, Messrs. Percy Winch, Prinz Buttron, John Lobdell and the host and hostess.

Dinner.

Brilliance characterized the dinner with which the Misses Murphy complimented a number of friends on Tuesday evening at the Hotel Hamilton. The spacious dining-room made an admirable setting for the beautifully appointed table. The Christmas colors and motifs were chosen as the scheme of the decorations. The centerpiece was formed by a miniature Christmas tree, ornamented with varicolored balls, silver tinsel and scarlet candlesticks and tapers. It rested on a bed of ferns, encircled by brilliant scarlet poinsettias. From the center of the table, terminating at the corners, were placed alternating scarlet waxen tapers in crystal candelabra, tied with bows of airy scarlet maline, and tall crystal vases filled with poinsettias and maidenhair fern. Miniature Santa Claus figures bearing sacks marked the places of the guests. The favors were Christmas noise-makers. Scarlet Christmas bells were suspended over the table. A seven-course dinner was served, and covers were laid for Misses Eva Austin, Olive Gray, Clarisse Ryan, Lillian Westbrook, Alice Gray, Myrtle Mackin, Courtney Crutchfield; Mesdames Halsell, Barlow, Lobdell, Read, Sirmyer, Hill; Mr. J. R. Lobdell, Dr. Halsell, Capt. Read, Capt. Sirmyer, Capt. Meador, Major Hill, Major Crosby, Captain Welbourne, Mr. Percy Booth, Mr. A. C. Hamilton, Mr. S. M. Barlow, Lieuts. Hemphill, Hobson, Odell, Gill, Garrison, and the hostesses.

PERSONALS

W. B. Mitchell, president of the "Banco de Londres y Mexico" arrived here last night from the City of Mexico and left this afternoon for New York.

Henry Borden and Teofilo Crixell arrived here last night from a business trip to Mexico City. Mr. Crixell left this morning for his home in Brownsville and Mr. Borden left on this afternoon's train for his home in Houston.

BENDER:—M. Blair, C. B. Lackmoore, E. D. DuBose, D. Arrass & Jarramille, San Antonio; Mrs. A. R. Stubbs, Memphis, Tenn.; E. T. Momar, Tampico; J. G. Griffin, A. C. Lundoff, San Antonio; Edward L. Ayres, Monterey; C. C. Hackenjos, Geo. L. Nelson, San Antonio; J. E. Snyder, Lebranon, Mo.; J. A. McLead, New Orleans; W. J. Blair, T. Mendirichaga, Ramon Cubter, San Antonio; Geo. Barnes, Omaha, Nev.; Everet Carpenter, Kansas City, Mo.; A. W. Watson, Laredo; A. Gonzales, Torreon; F. Hacke, J. W. Williams, New York; Henry Borden, Mexico.

ARRIVED IN LAREDO TODAY.

President W. B. Mitchell of the Banco de Londres y Mexico Here on His Way to Canada.

W. B. Mitchell, president of the Banco de Londres y Mexico, a big English banking concern with the headquarters in Mexico City and having branches throughout the republic, arrived in Laredo this morning enroute to Canada, where he goes on business.

When seen by newspapermen in Laredo Mr. Mitchell refused to talk on conditions in Mexico, but confirmed the recent stories sent out regarding his arrest by the Carranza government in connection with the liquidation of the main and branch banks of the Banco de Londres y Mexico in various parts of the republic. The reports stated that Mr. Mitchell had been thrown into jail because he refused to comply with demands of an unreasonable nature made by the Carrancistas, and now that the gentleman confirms those reports they are proven to have been well founded.

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SURPRISED HER FATHER.

"There are no ghosts, daughter," said father, who had listened with some anxiety to a story his little girl told him that she had heard from the colored cook. "Patsy must not tell you such stories."

"But, papa, isn't there the Holy Ghost?" asked the little girl, much to her father's embarrassment, who was not up in the catechism.

WILSON SENT NOTE TO BELLIGERENTS REGARDING TERMS OF PEACE DESIRED

Secretary Lansing Afterward Explained It as Being Necessary Because the Situation for Neutrals is Becoming Increasingly Critical and the United States Being Drawn Nearer Verge of War.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Secretary Lansing, in a statement explaining the sending of President Wilson's note to the belligerents, declared that it was because the situation for neutrals was becoming increasingly critical and the United States itself was being drawn nearer the verge of war.

Mr. Lansing said: "We are entitled to know exactly what each belligerent seeks in order that we may regulate our future conduct. Sending this note will indicate the possibility of our government being forced into war. The possibility ought to serve as a restraining and sobering force, safeguarding American rights. It may also serve to force an earlier conclusion of the war. Neither the president nor myself regard this note as a peace note. It is merely an effort to get the belligerents to define the ends for which they are fighting."

Diplomats Were Surprised.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Surprise was apparent among diplomatic officials here over President Wilson's plea to the European belligerents to discuss peace terms. The general opinion was that Mr. Wilson's action would give encouragement to some sort of exchange of views which might result in a discussion of definite peace terms between the belligerents.

Will Compel Answer.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Despite the fact that President Wilson's note states specifically that he is "not proposing peace," and that he is not even offering mediation, they are regarded here as of such a nature as will compel all belligerents to make more of a reply than a mere acknowledgement of the receipt.

Under Consideration.

London, Dec. 21.—The suggestion of the United States for an exchange of views among the belligerents has been received in the foreign office and is now under consideration, pending which no statement will be made.

Enndorsed Wilson's Note.

Washington, Dec. 21.—A resolution "strongly endorsing" President Wilson's peace note was introduced in the senate and sent to the foreign relations committee.

War Shares Broke.

New York, Dec. 21.—Extreme weakness bordering on demoralization marked the opening dealings on the Stock Exchange today. So-called "war shares" broke several points, influenced by the peace note.

Wheat Dropped Seven Cents.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—A maximum decline of 7 cents a bushel was registered in the wheat market at the opening on President Wilson's peace message.

To Confer Today.

Washington, Dec. 21.—President Wilson sent for Secretary Lansing this afternoon for a conference with him at the White House. The nature of the conference was not announced.

Sunk in Collision.

Paris, Dec. 21.—The sinking of an Italian steamship in collision with the French armored cruiser Ernest Renan is reported in a Marseilles despatch. Several were drowned. The number of survivors is given as 120.

Explained Wilsn's Action.

Washington, Dec. 21.—German Ambassador von Bernstorff conferred with Secretary Lansing today and it is understood that the secretary explained Mr. Wilson's action in addressing the belligerents.

Want American Help.

Peking, Dec. 21.—The Russian, Japanese, British and French legations have indicated to the foreign office and the American legation their desire for American co-operation in the reorganization loan of 10,000,000 pounds sterling.

Subamrine Off Jersey Coast.

New York, Dec. 21.—A submarine moving south was observed 100 miles off the New Jersey coast Tuesday by officers of the American ship Advance, arriving today from the canal zone. The submarine's nationality was unknown.

PROHIBITION WILL NOW BE CONSIDERED

AMENDMENT MATERIALLY ALTERED FROM ORIGINAL FORM TO BE FAVORABLY REPORTED.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The National Prohibition constitutional amendment, materially altered from the form in which it was presented to the house, was today ordered favorably reported by the senate judiciary committee by a vote of 13 to 3. Senators Culberson, Reed and Brandegee voted against it.

VILLISTAS TO ATTACK.

By Associated Press.

El Paso, Mex., Dec. 21.—Five Americans and one other foreigner arriving today from Parral via Torreon report that Torreon is about to be attacked by Villistas.

FOREFATHERS' DAY OBSERVED.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 21.—Patriotic societies in Boston and throughout New England held their customary meetings and exercises today in celebration of Forefathers' Day. This year marks the two hundred and ninety-sixth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth. A feature of the program at nearly all the meetings held in observance of the anniversary was the reading of the compact which the Pilgrims drew up on founding a "civic polity" in 1620.

LORD RONALD'S EFFECTS AT AUCTION.

Danbury, Conn., Dec. 21.—A collection of fine old paintings, some of them said to be masterpieces, together with antiques of great value, some of the personal effects of the late Lord Ronald, which on his death descended together with his American castle situated on the highest point of land in Newton, near this city, to Miss Elizabeth Blake, were offered for sale at public auction today to satisfy a judgment obtained by Myron W. Robinson, of Hackensack, N. J., against Miss Blake, the former owner of Ronald Castle.

COLLEGE "DRYS" TO MEET.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 21.—This city, which is in the heart of one of the largest whiskey manufacturing districts in America, is to be the scene of a rousing prohibition rally next week. The occasion will be the annual convention of the Intercollegiate Association. The University of Kentucky will act as host to the convention, which will begin its sessions one week from today. The committee in charge of local arrangements is in receipt of advices indicating a large attendance of delegates from leading colleges and universities throughout the United States. William J. Bryan, former secretary of state, has accepted an invitation to deliver the opening address. Several other prohibition leaders of national prominence will be heard during the three days that the sessions will continue. The convention will formulate plans to wage a vigorous prohibition campaign among college students during the coming year.

The Embargo Is a Joke.

The Mexican government of which Carranza is the head is said to have brought 1,000,000 cartridges into Vera Cruz from New York, despite the embargo placed on munitions shipments from this country. Must be getting ready to send Trevibo some more supplies for Villa to capture.—Beaumont Enterprise.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 50c. per month.

HAD ZERO WEATHER IN THE PANHANDLE

COLD WILL CONTINUE TONIGHT BUT WILL BE WARMER TOMORROW SAYS THE FORECAST.

By Associated Press.

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 21.—The mercury reached 18.9 here this morning. Amarillo with zero was the coldest point in the state, and Brownsville with 64 the warmest reported. The cold will continue throughout tonight. It will be warmer Friday, according to the weather bureau.

TEXAS COMPANY BONUS.

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 21.—The Texas Company and subsidiaries will give ten per cent bonus to all employes receiving less than $2,500 annually about January 15.

FARM ENGINEERS TO CONFER.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 21.—The advantages to the farmer in the more extensive use of tractors, gasoline engines and other improved farm machinery, in view of the present scarcity of farm labor, will be set forth in papers and addresses by noted experts when the American Association of Agricultural Engineers meets in this city next weeks for its annual convention. Indncations point to a large attendance of progressive farmers from many sections of the country, together with manufacturers of agricultural machinery and engineers associated with the agricultural colleges and experiment stations.

SUFFRAGISTS ACTIVE IN SOUTH.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 21.—In view of the part played in the recent presidential election by women voters there is renewed interest in the question as to which of the southern States will be the first to adopt equal suffrage. Suffragists are becoming more active in practically every State south of the Mason and Dixon Line. At the present time it may be said that Louisiana is leading the van for equal suffrage, strong internal organizations being particularly active, but in spite of this, it is considered doubtful if this State will be the first in the South to give votes to women. At the present time it appears that the first States in this part of the country to grant women the ballot will be those having the largest proportion of white people. For this reason it is believed Virginia and Tennessee will be the first of the Southern States to enfranchise women.

The Service Epitomized.

One of the troopers of the "Black Tenth" Cavalry has composed a song that is a favorite among the men of the Pershing expeditionary force, and will not come amiss to those now serving on the border. A sample verse follows:

"Fust yo' take yo' rifle and then yo' take yo' pack,
An' yo' hike across de fields an' presume yo comin' back;
Skirmish to de lef' and skirmish to de right,
An' make all de motions an' presume yo' goin' to fight.
Den yo' gets a shovel an' a big ole pick,
An' spend de afternoon a-makin' 'dobe brick.
Very nex' mornin' it's de same ole thing,
An' yo' got seven yeahs to do it in."

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D. C. de LACHICA,
City Tax Collector
12-14-1

From Wednesday's Daily.

FLAT-FOOTED STATEMENT.

The speech of Premier Lloyd George before the house of commons was, as expected, a ringing declaation that the Entent allies would not accept any terms of peace that should not guarantee the safety of the future against Prussian militarism.

He said that before the parliament entered upon its negotiations that Germany was prepared to accede to the only terms whereon it was possible for peace to be secured and maintained in Europe. He added that the note of the Central powers and the speech preceding it (by Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg) afforded small encouragement for the hope of an honorable and lasting peace.

Foreign Minister Sonnino told the Italian chamber of deputies that "there is no sign of conditions or basis for negotiations in the enemies' note." And this is precisely what Lloyd George's statement means.

The Central powers—to be exact, Germany, for the others are mere puppets dancing at the will of Emperor William—want peace. This much is certain. But they want a peace based upon what they are pleased to term their victories, and they want an "honorable" peace—that is, one honorable to Germany and her allies—without being willing to bind themselves to anything for the good of their enemies.

Refuting their claims of victory is the fact that they are now proposing peace. It has never been seen before—and it is not the fact now—that the victors propose peace. That would be a magnanimity that no warring nation would be capable of.

To permit Germany to dictate the terms of peace would be to make an acknowledgement of defeat. To give in while their armies are in the field, unbroken, undefeated and at present more powerful than those of the Teutons, would be to shamefully relinquish that for which they fought—the peace of Europe—into the hands of the only nation that has ever attempted by military force to dominate her neighbors.

The problem of securing a method of binding Germany by any sort of an agreement is a difficult one. When a nation deliberately repudiates its own agreements and finds justification for its own moral bankruptcy, it is no longer worthy of trust. The deliberate breaking of the treaty which guaranteed the autonomy of Belgium is warrant for a belief that no treaty with Germany could be made which would not be broken when the time served.

The peace proposals should include the dismantling of the Krupp factory, the surrender of all arms and the destruction of all munitions of war on the part of Germany; the absolute disarmament of all the other parties to the treaty; an agreement on the part of all that if any signatory to the treaty should in future attempt to make war all the others should combine to discipline that nation.

The terrible cost of the European military establishments has been responsible for the emigration of so many millions to America and other countries. It is now being forced upon the United States, and for very fear's sake we cannot remain a pacific nation with a small standing army and no armament to speak of.

For years past no other nation in Europe has dared to talk of war. The dread was that the weaker of the combatants would be attacked by Germany for the sake of national aggrandizement, for the sake of profit or for the sake of extending her boundaries.

It is claimed that Germany was fighting for her very existence. This is so palpably absurd as not to need comment. Germany was prosperous, was undergoing a period of national and individual prosperity which no modern nation has seen equalled for generations, and was not encroached upon by any other country. And she had no more to do with the senseless assassination of the Austrian crown prince than she had with the murder of the Empress Elizabeth some years ago.

The only way to prevent Prussian militarism from molesting the peace of Europe is to destroy Prussian militarism. And that is the end desired.

THE ELGIN QUOTATIONS.

Probably not one per cent of the butter consumers of the country realize that the price they pay for the butter on their tables is arbitrarily fixed by a "committee" of three men who assembled each Saturday of the year at Elgin, Illinois, and agree upon what is to be paid by the wholesalers—and therefore the consumers—without any regard to the supply on hand, the demand, or other disturbing factors.

"board" in any other line of busi- which should attempt to fix the of any community upon the of 7-10 per cent of the whole would find itself not only discredited, but liable to penalty of law. Yet this is exactly what the "Elgin Board of Trade"—which by the way is not an Elgin concern but a combination of Chicago wholesalers—is doing.

According to investigators who have been painstaking in their investigations, the actual sales upon which the prices were fixed from June 17 to July 15 were 875 tubs, while the minimum total of receipts in Chicago is 124,000 tubs a month.

The prices for "creamery" butter are fixed for the entire country, and people in Laredo are paying 45c a pound for butter—not because there is a shortage of butter anywhere in the country, but because three Chicago produce dealers out of the combination which sets the prices for the country have decided that 45c is a "fair" price for the product.

There are many creameries in Texas that are producing butter of equal if not better quality as that produced in the Illinois dairy section. Yet the Elgin butter—whether sold by the big packing houses of Chicago or the local dealers—is held at the same price which obtains for the same article in Maine or California, Manitoba or Texas.

Some years ago the butter trust was able to secure the passage of a bill in congress imposing a tax of 10 per cent per pound on oleomargerine—a "compound" butter which answered the purpose of the more costly article for many millions of families who could not afford the "creamery" butter.

Under the law the oleo manufacturers were obliged not only to pay a tax on their product, but to state the amount of coloring, etc, used in producing their imitation butter. Meanwhile, the dairymen and the Illinois creamery men were permitted to add all the coloring they wanted to their product, and there is no tax on butter—save that which the innocent consumer pays.

If anything should pay a tax it is the artificially colored product, whether it comes from the vats of the synthetic producers, or the churns of the creameries. The raw material of the creameries will not always produce a rich yellow butter, hence the use of coloring matter by the Elgin and other creamery men. The synthetic colored product will always look like real butter, hence the use of coloring matter by the oleo manufacturers.

The government inspection of the oleo plants is rigid—much more so than that of any of the creameries, and most of the latter are not inspected at all. There is no attempt on the part of the oleo manufacturers to pass off their product as "real" butter, while the creameries have a nasty way of palming off their rancid stock after it has been treated by a chloride of lime process or something similar, as "processed" butter.

The people should be given the right to select their own food products, always assuming that there is nothing deleterious about them. If a man prefers oleomargerine because it is cheaper than creamery butter and cleaner than processed butter, no government on earth should prevent him from buying it, or add one penny to the cost of producing it.

Much of the butter we eat is of doubtful origin. It comes to us in nicely wrapped packages, bearing the misleading label of "creamery" butter, although it may have come from some uncleanly farm where little attention is paid to sanitation and passed through some great factory where it has been made to look like the real article by the judicious use of coloring matter and scientific processes.

Secretary Baker says he doesn't know which would be best, compulsory universal service or selective conscription. Why, that's easy, Newt; selective conscription, with immunity for all the millionaires and the society butterflies. Let George do it!

The Swiss government is canny, as they say in Scotland. It is not content with having the best and biggest army proportionately in the world. It has gone into the wholesale flour business, with the result that bread from American wheat costs less in Switzerland than it does in New York, and the government makes a profit on every barrel. Cute, isn't it?

Having helped police the border for all these months, the Missouri boys are now going home just too late for Christmas. Too bad, boys, but perhaps you will have just good a dinner here as you might find at Fort Riley.

Von Bernstorff is glad to learn that the allies, as indicated in Lloyd George's speech, are willing to talk about peace, anyway. It takes so little to gratify a confirmed optimist that one is apt to wonder why it is not done oftener.

TIMES WANT ADS.

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LITTLE LOCALS

—The Bender Hotel will have a Christmas tree on Monday morning, at which time all the employes of this popular hostelry will find stockings suspended on the tree bearing presents for them and having cards conveying greetings and felicitations from Manager Soltau.

—Tamales—15 cents per dozen. Fresh daily. Ross' Dairy Lunch. Market Plaza. 12-18-1m.

—Just received—fresh imported bacalao. Moser's Store, phone 94. 12-14-6t.

—Only three more days in which to do Christmas shopping and get together the essentials for the little stockings and gift packages which will go to the children and also other loved ones. And then, too, there will be many a good friend who will be remembered on Christmas day.

—See R. Flores & Bro. for toys. North side Market Plaza. 12-11-12t.

—Moser's Store has just received a fresh supply of imported bacalao. Phone 94. 12-14-6t.

—Some of the farmers in the Laredo section claim that the cabbage crop has not been killed entirely by the recent cold snaps, but that a good rain at this time would show great recuperative powers and save the crop.

—Taxidermy in all its branches. Animals mounted true to life. Skins tanned and made into rugs. W. R. Muter, phone 774. 12-6-tf.

—The boys of the Second Missouri Infantry and the units of the Missouri National Guard ordered to return home, are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the rolling stock which has been requisitioned, but it is not probable that this material will arrive until after Christmas. In that case the Missourians will spend Christmas on the Texas border.

—Before you buy your toys see R. Flores & Bro. North side Market Plaza. 12-11-12t.

—Doctors Wilson and Stafford, DENTISTS. Office over People's Pharmacy. Phone 746. 10-10-tf.

—Customs Inspector J. R. Barnard is stationed for a time at San Ignacio, Zapata county. His many friends will be sorry to know that he has been ill and confined to his bed for the past eight days, though is now able to sit up in his room.

—Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg Shorthand, evening lessons only. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times office. 10-11-tf.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office. 6-5-tf (Adv.)

—The importations through this port from Mexico today consisted of twenty carloads of calamine, four carloads of ixtle, two carloads of hides, one carload of rubber and one carload of chili.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans 4-24-tf. (Adv.)

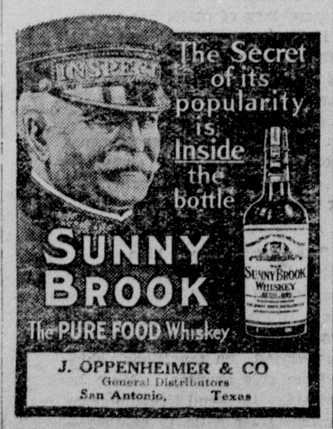
—A meeting of the nomination committee of the temporary organization of the Laredo Rotary Club, consisting of Sam Mackin, J. J. Jurgens, G. R. Weber, Dr. A. E. McCulloch, J. W. Kenney and J. W. Falvella, is called for tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Laredo Chamber of Commerce room.

—If it is neat and accurate job printing that you want send your orders to The Times job department. Expert workmanship and the best of materials 1-9-tf

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Cramped muscles or soreness following a cold or case of grippe are eased and relieved by an application of Sloan's Liniment. Does not stain the skin or clog the pores like mussy ointments or plasters and penetrates quickly without rubbing. Limber up your muscles after exercise, drive out the pains and aches of rheumatism, neuralgia, lumbago, strains, sprains and bruises with Sloan's Liniment. Get a bottle to-day. At all Druggists, 25c.



Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 50c. per month.

IS BREEZY AND SATIRICAL THOUGH VERY INTERESTING

THE BORDER WAR CRY APPEARS IN MOURNING THIS TIME.

Editors Lament Failure of Fourth Missouri to Go Home, But Nails Black Border Near Masthead.

With the date line bearing the words, "last gasp," and below that a bordered mourning notice reading as follows, "Died, in Laredo, Texas, December 18, 1916, the Fourth Missouri's hopes of going home; no flowers," the final edition of the "Border War Cry," the little paper issued at intervals by the boys of the Fourth Missouri Infantry, made its appearance this morning.

Some well written satirical paragraphs and short stories and poems appear in the last issue of the War Cry, among the short stories being those entitled, "War Diary of an Enlisted Person on the Four Days Maneuvers," and "The Soldier's Christmas Eve—A True Story of the Border." The "War Diary" story is herewith reproduced in full:

Dec. 11.—Got up in the middle of the night and stirred around in the accumulated untidiness of my tent packing one blanket, one shelter half, one poncho, one pole and five pins which I stole from a neighboring company. Filled canteen, had breakfast, which you ate fast to keep it from freezing, and then went out and stood in the company street for an hour waiting for the Second to gather up its doll rags and start on this party. Marched all morning; tried to bust out of line to buy some crackers at a wayside store, got caught at it and soaked with extra fatigue. About 3 o'clock had a couple of fingers of corned beef, a little coffee and some bread. Hung around the cheerful blaze of the incinerator getting in the way of officers who didn't belong there until 9.30 and then went to bed. Slept for an hour. Shivered the rest of the night, and wondered why in hell anybody ever tried to discover North Pole.

Dec. 12.—On to Dolores Creek. We haven't seen anything of the enemy. Wish he'd come on and annihilate us, or something. Maybe they'd ship us north for burial. Sand and dust knee-deep, and a merry little wind. A contemptible little sergeant rides a horse just ahead of me, and the horse kicks dust in my face. I never did like sergeants, anyhow. Our company commander is limping. I am glad. Today a general stalked past in the dust, with his coat collar turned up, looking cold and uncomfortable. I felt a little better.

Dolores Creek tastes like rotten eggs and old shoes, and I am full of cacti to the neck. The only reason there are no cacti in my head is that it's wood. If it weren't wood, I wouldn't be down here. I washed my face today—the first time since Sunday. The enemy is reported to be approaching. Pooh bah the enemy! I wish they had a grocery wagon.

Dec. 13.—Battle today, which cut down the noon day allowance of corned beef from two fingers to one. Didn't think I had room for any more thorns and cactus, but our major found a place to lead us through that left me feeling like a porcupine. We won the battle. Hooray!—Got back to Santa Rosa about 3 o'clock. Not quite so ungodly cold at night, but I was tired enough to sleep on an iceberg in my B. V. D.'s.

Dec. 14.—A few lucky dogs were captured yesterday. All they had to do was go to the rear of the enemy's lines and rest in the shade till the battle was over. One of them won a dollar and a quarter from the enemy at craps. Two of the poor simps escaped. They had to work. This morning we waited an hour and a quarter after we were ready to go while the highbrows thought thoughts and wrote orders. The battle was mild alongside of the afternoon's march. Dust, dust, dust and more dust. An officer carried my pack for an hour. He'll go to heaven or Missouri for that noble act. Wind, too. My lips are cracked, but not too cracked to drape 'emselves over a glass of beer.

Dec. 15.—We got home. I had a bath. I ate. I was right. My lips were not too cracked. Gosh, what a feeble use of words General Sherman had!

HOLIDAY FARES VIA I. & G. N. RY. Excursion tickets to all points in Texas on sale Dec. 15 to 26 inclusive, also Dec. 31 and Jan. 1; limit Jan. 5. To Louisiana tickets will be sold Dec. 21 to 25, inclusive, also Dec. 30 and 31; limit Jan. 7. For rates, schedules, reservations, etc., see Ticket Agent, I. & G. N. Ry.

Notice to Auto Owners.

This is to notify all auto owners that I am now ready to issue 1917 licenses for autos. Come early and avoid the rush.

D. C. de LACHICA,
City Tax Collector.
12-14-15t.



Prince Albert gives smokers such delight, *because*

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This is the reverse side of the Prince Albert tidy red tin. Read this "Patented Process" message-to-you and realize what it means in making Prince Albert so much to your liking.

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

Created Land Board to Place on the Market the Land Owned by the City of Laredo.

The city council met in regular session this evening at 8 o'clock. Present: His Honor, Mayor Robt. McComb; Aldermen Hein, Maher, Henry, Westbrook, Leyendecker, Agan and Biggio. Absent: Alderman Farias. With a quorum present the following proceedings were had:

The minutes of the last regular meting were read and approved.

The monthly report of A. Winslow, city attorney of the progress made in the collection of delinquent taxes was read and, on motion, ordered filed.

An ordinance creating a city land board, defining its duties and powers, and placing on the market such portion of the lots and blocks of land owned by the city for sale to the highest bidder on sealed bids, as in the judgment of the board should be sold, requiring the land board to make a list of the lands offered for sale and appraise the value thereon, and further providing that no land shall be sold for less than the appraised value and that one-fourth of the purchase money shall be paid in cash, the balance in one, two and three years, with interest at 6 per cent per annum, notes to be a lien on the land and failure to pay any note within 60 days after maturity to forfeit the land ipso facto to the city, and further providing that one-fourth of the purchase shall accompany the bid, and that all bids shall be opened by the land board at 10 o'clock a. m. on the first Monday of every month in the chamber of the city council, was read for the first time and, on motion, the rules were suspended and the ordinance read for the second and third times and passed.

The mayor announced the appointment of J. A. Ortiz and A. V. Woodman to act with him as the city land board. On motion the appointments were confirmed.

An ordinance repealing so much of an ordinance passed on the 9th day of October, 1888, as dedicated and set aside for purposes of plazas the following blocks of land, to-wit: Block 927 in the Eastern Division of the City of Laredo and Blocks 998 and 999 in the Western Division of the City of Laredo, and in all things confirming the subsequent sale made of said blocks of land, was read for the first time and, on motion, the rules were suspended and the ordinance and passed.

The mayor announced the appointment of A. R. Garcia desk sergeant, and on motion the appointment was onfirmed.

There being no further business before the council it adjourned until the next regular meeting.

A. V. WOODMAN, Secretary.
Laredo, Texas, Dec. 19, 1916.

WOMAN SHOT THROUGH HEAD AND MAN HAS SURRENDERED

MAN WHO FIRED SHOT SAYS OUTCOME WAS FROM ACCIDENT

Victim of the Bullet, in Precarious Condition, Rushed to Mercy Hospital and is Still Alive.

A midnight tragedy which might result in the death of the woman in the affair was perpetrated just a little after 12 o'clock last night in the restricted district of Laredo. The man who surrendered himself to the police after midnight and alleged that he had accidentally shot a woman was Jack Sheffield, formerly of Corpus Christi, a chauffeur, while the woman who is hovering between life and death from a pistol wound in the head is Helen Silsbee, who resides at 1912 Zaragoza street. No details of the shooting could be learned other than what was told by Sheffield.

About 12:30 last night Jack Sheffield appeared at the police station and surrendered himself into the custody of the police with the statement that he had accidentally shot a woman in the head with a pistol. Immediately a detail of police were dispatched to the scene of the alleged tragedy to make an investigation, while Sheffield was placed in jail pending an outcome of the affair.

Reaching the house designated by the man, the police entered and found Helen Silsbee sitting in a chair in a seemingly comatose state with blood flowing from a pistol wound in her head near the crown. Efforts to revive consciousness proved futile and after a while a physician was secured and he ordered the woman taken immediately to the Mercy Hospital. Reaching there the wound in the head was dressed and efforts made to restore the woman to her senses, but to no vail. Her condition is pronounced precarious by the attending physician, though the wounded woman is being given the best of care and her life might be spared.

As there were no witnesses to the affair and no further details could be learned other than what was told by Shefield, an investigation into the shooting must be deferred temporarily.

Masonic Notice.

Called meeting of Laredo Lodge, No. 547, A. F. & A. M., tonight at 8 p. m. at Masonic Hall. Work in F. C. degree. All visiting brethren invited to attend.

R. L. SUTTON, W. M.

Last Warning.

Take out your automobile license by the first day of January or pay your fine. You will have no excuse for violating this ordinance.

ROBT. McCOMB,
12-20-10t. Mayor.

CLOSED ENGAGEMENT HERE.

The Harrison Tent Theater Gave a Double Performance Last Night and Left Today for Alice.

With a double performance last night, that is to say, a regular four-act drama, "A Story of the Prairie" and then an after-show of a one-act farce-comedy, "The Doctor's Prescription," the Harrison Tent Theater Co. closed their engagement in Laredo and this morning left for Alice, where they will fill a week's engagement.

The comedy-drama presented last night was a veritable wild west affair, ranging from the so-called "sublime to the ridiculous," and in a way far outclasesd for exaggeration the manner in which the movies portray the "wild and woolly west" of life in Texas. But that was the plotting of the play and the characters who portrayed the respective parts had to conform to the characters and do the histrionic work to make the play effective.

SENTENCES PASSED TODAY.

Two Soldiers Charged With Holding Up Another Soldier Had Sentences Pronounced This Morning.

Today Judge Mullally passed sentence on James Shipwash and Thomas Ruddy, the two men convicted at the present term of district court on a charge of robbing a soldier named Batchelor and given seven years each in the state penitentiary.

The sentence was passed at the request of the men in order that their time of servitude shall begin immediately and not wait until all the prisoners convicted at this term of court have sentences passed.

BAUTISTA BOUND OVER.

Charged With Violation of the Federal Chinese Act He Was Bound Over to Federal Grand Jury.

Yesterday before United States Commissioner Foster the examining trial of Ascencion Bautista, who was arrested while transporting four Chinamen from Laredo to San Antonio several days ago, was held.

After hearing the evidence Commissioner Foster bound Bautista over to the next federal grand jury in the sum of $200, which he furnished and was released until the next term of court.

Notice.

Hunting or fishing without my written permission is strictly prohibited in any and all pastures owned or controlled by me. Any person who violates this is a trespasser and will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

T. A. COLEMAN.
10-26-tf.

From Tuesday's Daily.

MANY AMERICAN-MADE TOYS.

Are on Exhibition in Stores This Season, Though Some Toys of Japanese Make Are Also Offered.

A visit to the toy department of several of the big stores of Laredo demonstrates the fact that most of the mechanical and other toys which are this year being displayed on the counters bear the mark that indicate their manufacture being in the United States, instead of Germany, England and France, which was usually the custom, but the European war made this impossible during the past three years, and this year it is more noticeable than ever before.

The mechanical toys that are the most popular this year are of the "preparedness" kind, and consist of small cannon, aeroplanes, battleships and other implements of war, while as a dress for little boys the imitation soldier's uniform, cap, belt and air rifle symbolize the popularity of the soldier life at this season. Notwithstanding the fact that the European countries have been prevented from flooding the United States with their manufactured toys and miniature mechanical devices, there are many goods of a cheap variety being offered purchasers which were made in Japan—the land where toy makers earn a daily wage of an equivalent of from four to twelve cents a day, and a country with which it is practically impossible for the well-paid American artisan and manufacturing concerns to compete.

DARWIN SCHOOL DESTROYED

Flames Consumed Structure Belonging to Coal Company, But Furniture and Fixtures Were Saved.

The school house at Darwin, this county, was entirely consumed by flames yesterday morning, the origin of the fire being due to a defective flue. The building was owned by the Cannel Coal Co. and was used for school purposes by the county. The loss of the building is estimated at about $1,000.

The fire was discovered in ample time to save all the furniture and fixtures belonging to the school, and as the fire occurred just before it was time for school to begin no children were endangered by the flames. Arrangements are now being made by the Darwin school trustees to provide another building to serve for school purposes there.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

DECEMBER 19

1675—Attack on Narragansett by concerted forces of New England colonies, who scored a great victory over the Indians and assured the safety of their settlements.

1777—Washington moved his troops to Valley Forge, where they endured great privations of food, clothing and fuel.

1804—Thomas Jefferson elected President of the United States

1813—Fort Niagara captured by the British. Lewistown and Tuscarora village, near Fort Schlosser, captured and burnt by the Indians.

1845—Complete conquest of the Maoris accomplished by Great Britain.

1849—Henry C. Frick, famous American capitalist, born at West Overton, Pa.

1852—Sacramento, California, inundated by the breaking of a levee.

1859—M. B. Lamar, second president of the Republic of Texas, died, aged 61.

1898—A German artist got six months in jail for caricaturing Kaiser Wilhelm II.

1899—Gen. Lawton was killed at San Mateo.

1903—East River Bridge opened at New York.

1914—THE WAR:
Allies bombard Dardanelles forts. Russians defeat Turks in the Caucasus, and retreat before the Germans on the Polish front.

1915—THE WAR:
United States sends note to Austria-Hungary, based on admissions made in regard to Ancona case. French keep up intense bombardment of German positions in the Vosges.

How to Prevent Croup.

In a child that is subject to attacks of croup, the first indication of the disease is hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off and all danger and anxiety.

NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS TODAY.

DECEMBER 19

Maria L. Sanford, noted Minnesota educator, will be paid special honor by the alumni of the University of Minneapolis today because of her 80th birthday. Miss Sanford has been for 30 years identified with education in Minnesota, and for twenty-nine years, from 1880 to 1909 was a professor of rhetoric and elocution at its leading institution of learning. Upon retiring from the faculty of the University of Minnesota, she continued her educational work by lecturing on literature and the history of art, in which field she has maintained till the present a truly marvelous activity, accepting engagements at great distances in spite of her great age. Miss Sanford was born in Connecticut, Dec. 19, 1836, and began teaching in 1852. Before coming to the University of Minnesota, she had taught history at Swarthmore College, Pa.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Webb.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of sale, issued out of the District Court of Webb County, Texas, on the 9th day of December, 1916, and to me directed and delivered, in a certain case therein mentioned, wherein the City of Laredo is plaintiff, and Cipriana Delgado is defendant and wherein said City recovered a judgment against the said Cipriana Delgado on the 1st day of August, 1916, for the sum of $23.79 with foreclosure of a tax lien on the following described property and costs of suit, viz:

Lot Number (2) in Block Number Two Hundred and Seventy-six (276) located, situated and being in the Western Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

I have levied upon the above described lands, as under execution, and will sell the same at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the 2nd day of January, 1917, in front of the Court House door of said Webb County, Texas.

Given under my hand this 9th day of December 1916.

ANTONIO SALINAS,
Sheriff Webb County, Texas.
By M. G. BENAVIDES, Deputy.

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Lot Number Five (5) in Block Number Five (5) located, situated and being in the Western Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

I have levied upon the above described lands, as under execution, and will sell the same at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the 2nd day of January, 1917, in front of the Court House door of said Webb County, Texas.

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VOICE OF TEXAS.

And Centenarians.

Those Chicago experimenters who are providing that men can live healthfully and happily on 45c a day are not discovering anything new. Even in these days of quarrelsome prices, any man who knows how to do his own cooking, and has got sense enough to find his way around town, can live abundantly on 25c a day each. Corn meal, blackeyed peas, salt pork and sweet potatoes are very good things to eat, and if the men of the confederacy could have obtained a sufficieny of those foods they would have been fighting yet.—Galveston News.

Never Satisfied.

Human nature has always been peculiar. Men roar about eggs in winter when eggs are scace and high, and in the spring when the price of yard eggs hits the 10-cents-a-dozen point they crave canned lobster and sardines.—Houston Post.

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SOCIETY

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt
Editor . . . Phone 70

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Tuesday.

The Christ Church Junior Auxiliary will hold its regular weekly meeting at the Rectory at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist church at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Misses Murphy will entertain at dinner at the Hotel Hamilton at six o'clock in the evening.

Miriam Champter No. 86, O. E. S., will hold its regular meeting at the Masonic Hall at eight o'clock in the evening.

Ladies Night at the Ninth Infantry Club.

Knights of Wesley in club room of the Methodist church at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Wednesday.

Sewing Circle of the Junior League of the Methodist Church in the club rooms at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. John Tucker Halsell will entertain the Gilbreath-Brown bridal party with a supper at the Hotel Hamilton at eight o'clock in the evening.

Glad Day.

Here's another day, dear,
Here's the sun again!
Peeping in his pleasant way
Through the window pane.
Rise and let him in, dear,
Hail him, "hip hurray!"
Now the fun will all begin,
Here's another day!

Down the coppice path, dear,
Through the dewy glade,
(When the morning took her bath
What a splash she made!)
Up the wet wood-way, dear,
Under dewy green
Run to meet another day,
Brightest ever seen.

Such a lot to do, dear,
Such a lot to see!
How we ever can get through
Fairly puzzles me.
Hurry up and out, dear,
Then—away, away!
In and out, and round about,
Here's another day!

—W. Graham Robertson.

General Mention.

Sam Johnson will be home Saturday from St. Louis College, San Antonio, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Johnson.

Mrs. Sidney Katz will arrive tomorrow on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Charles Moser.

Mr. Peyton A. Kerr and Mr. J. B. Henderson arrived last evening from a deer hunt near Cotulla.

Mr. H. I. Greer will arrive the latter part of the week to spend the holidays with his parents, Judge and Mrs. H. W. Greer.

Mrs. A. G. Turweiler of Dallas, Texas, is expected in Laredo the latter part of the week to spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. William Brennan.

Miss Lurline Davis will arrive on Thursday from Dallas to spend the holidays.

Mr. W. P. Neblett of McAllen will be the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Howell for the holidays.

Mid-Year Recital.

The mid-year recital of the music department of Holding Institute will be given Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, and the faculty extends a cordial invitation to all friends to attend.

Announcements.

There will be no meeting of Miriam Chapter No. 88, of O. E. S. on acount of the illness of several members.

Lieutenants Dwan, Kemphill and Herr will entertain with a supper party tonight at the Bachelor quarters, Fort McIntosh, honoring the Gilbreath-Brown bridal party, after the hop at the Ninth Infantry Club.

Complimentary Dance.

A number of maids and matrons omplimented Miss Edna Brown, a bride of Thursday, with a very beautiful dancing party last evening at Elks Hall. The hostesses being Misses Alice Denike, Lillian and Belle Westbrook, Courtney Crutchfield, Frances Alexander, Myrtle and Ethel Mackin, Elizabeth and Maud Mussett, Eva Austin, Zara Mowry, Theodora Gullette, Flora Bunn, Inez Hill, Louise Muller; Mesdames T. A. Austin, H. C. Hall, T. A. Leyendecker, J. C. Martin, M. T. Cogley, S. M. Barlow, R. Muller, J. T. Halsell, E. Lobdell, S. Mackin, C. C. Shiner, H .Stow Garlick, H. Cluck, Albert Martin, J. A. MacDonald, R. K. Mims, W. P. May, S. Meyers, O. J. Cook, E. J. Foster, A. C. Hamilton. The spacious hall and club rooms which have been the scene of so many brilliant gatherings were most charmingly decortted for the occasion and the military note was predominant. The stairway was banked in green and guidons of the Fourteenth Cavalry topped the head of the stairs. A frieze of Spanish moss and mistletoe graced the wainscoting, windows and doorways of the hall, while garlands of the same hung over the punch bowl which was placed here. Art baskets filled with golden-hued oranges, lemons and kumquats with their foliage were placed on either side of the table which was further decorated with delicate vines. The punch bowl held an immense block of ice in which was frozen clusters of purple grapes. Little Misses Irene Leyendecker and Eva Scratchley in dainty white new frocks presided. Rugs and comfortable seats made this an attractive resting place. Great flags were festooned over the doorway into the ball room, the reception hall was laid in soft rugs and potted palms, ferns and mistletoe gave the decorative note here. The ball room in the National colors draped from the halls, with red, white and blue lights twinkling softly, made it a gorgeous blaze of color, further emphasized by the uniforms worm by many of the army officers present. The military note was carried out here as a compliment to the groom to be, Lieutenant Gilbreath, who has been on detached service in San Juan, Porto Rico, but has been stationed at Fort McIntosh with the Fourteenth Cavalry until recently. Dainty programs of white with the honoree's monogram in blue, with the date, December the eighteenth, 1916, were used to record sixteen straight dances and six extras. At half after ten a buffet supper was served in the dining room which was adorned in gold and green. In the center of the table was a flat gold basket filled with pale yellow jonquils and ferns, while radiating from the reflector were long feathery sprays of Southern smilax, entwined with single jonquil blooms, only at intervals could the delicate lace cover be seen. Quaint brown basket filled with tulips in two shaes of yellow, and great fronds of fern, hung in the windows, and brass jardinieres and wicker baskets were filled with the blossoms. The room was softly lighted with yellow-shaded electroliers, from which hung clusters of mistletoe tied with golden tulle. Colonial tapers in brass candlesticks were placed on the table.

Among those present were: Gen. and Mrs. Ruckman, Majors Switzer, Rockenback, Col. Gray, Lieutenants Herr, Hemphill, Dwan, Garrison, Gil, Carr, Hobson, Gilbreath, Odell, White, Shand, Col. and Mrs. Durfee, Major Crosby, Capt. Brostwick, Lieut. and Mrs. Stevens, Dr. Steele, Major and Mrs. Hill, Dr. and Mrs. Halsell, Mr. and Mrs. Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Shiner, Dr. and Mrs. Garlick, Mr. and Mrs. Cluck, Mr. and Mrs. Mackin, Mr. and Mrs. R. Muller, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. May, Mesdames Lobdell and Henderson, Misses Edna Brown, Alice Denike, Lillian and Belle Westbrook, Courtney Crutchfield, Myrtle and Ethel Mackin, Eva Austin, Zara Mowry, Theodora Gullette, Inez Hill, Nell Storey of San Marcos, Louise Muller, Bess Denning of Mexia, Birdie Lynn McMeans of San Marcos.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. McMahon of Cotulla arrived in the city yesterday on a short visit and are stopping at the Bender.

Dr. and Mrs. Javier Guajardo and family of three daughters and two sons, of Saltillo, Mexico, arrived in the city yesterday. They are stopping at the home of Mrs. Guajardo's brothers, Messrs. A. R. and H. E. Garcia. Dr. Guajardo and sons, accompanied by Mr. H. E. Garcia will leave next week for Charlottesville, Va., where the young men will remain in college. Until the doctor returns Mrs. Guajardo and daughters will remain here.

BENDER:—M. Holland, New Orleans, La.; Edward B. Kotulla, Wm. A. Ebert, San Antonio; Alberto Stein, Juan Toywel, Mexico; A. J. Ebers, A. M. Thompson, J. A. Wolter, M. Hochuback and wife, W. H. Mielen and wife, Cotulla; J. F. Goodin, San Antonio; W. S. McCraw, Dallas; A. R. Kissbell, B. Allen, H. E. Harding, L. E. Hutchinson, San Antonio; Mrs. Morgan G. Williams, Miss P. P. Nealy, S. W. McMealy, Mexico; Paul Krenbach, Villaldama, Mexico.

LLOYD GEORGE TOLD HOUSE OF COMMONS ALLIES STILL WAITING PROPER PROPOSAL

Entente Allies will Insist that Only End of War Must be Complete Guarantee Against Prussian Militarism Disturbing the Peace of Europe and Guarantee Which will Not be Broken.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 19.—The first appearance of Lloyd George before the house of commons as premier was made under circumstances seldom if ever faced by a new holder of office. Even if the peace proposal of the Central powers hadn't intervened, his statement of the policy of his government chosen as a result of the public demand for a more vigorous prosecution of the war would have marked an important step in the world conflict. He told the house of commons that it was felt that they should know, before entering on negotiations, that Germany was prepared to accede to the only terms whereon it was possible for peace to be obtained and maintained in Europe. Without reparation peace would be impossible, he said. He said there were no proposals for peace; that to enter into proposal of which they had no knowledge was to put their heads into a noose, with the rope's end in the hands of Germany.

As much as they longed for it, the premier added, the note of the Central powers and the speech preceding it afforded small encouragement for an honorable lasting peace. He said the allies would insist that the only end of the war must be a complete guarantee against Prussian militarism disturbing the peace of Europe. The formal reply of the allies will be given in the course of a few days. Mr. Lloyd George said:

"We will wait until we hear what terms and guarantees there are surer than those which Germany broke. Meanwhile we will put our trust in our unbroken army."

No Basis for Negotiations.

Rome, Dec. 19.—"There is no sign of conditions or basis for negotiations in the enemies' note," said Foreign Minister Sonnino in the chamber of deputies today, speaking relative to the Central powers' peace proposal.

Bernstorff is Optimistic.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Commenting on Lloyd George's speech, Ambassador Bernstorff said: "That sounds as if they would not refuse to talk about peace anyway."

German Victories Announced.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—French troops undertaking to advance in the vicinity of Rheims yesterday were repulsed by German fire, the war office says. The capture of more than 1,000 Russians and Rumanians on the Rumanian front is announced. Russians and Rumanians are continuing their retreat in Dobrudja, approaching the lower Danube.

Spanish Steamer Sunk.

London, Dec. 19.—The Spanish steamer Ason has been sunk, Lloyd's says.

German Raid Unsuccessful.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The German raid last night on the Somme north of Sailly Saillisel was without permanent success, the war office says. There is artillery fighting in progress on the Verdun front in the region of Louvemont and Chambrettes.

Sunk Without Warning.

Rome, Dec. 19.—Evidence being gathered by Ambassador Page relative to the torpedoing of the Italian ship Palermo indicates that the ship was sunk without warning and without having attempted to escape.

TOO BUSY VISITING.

By Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—An exchange of calls between Mayor Smith and Chairman Lane and Mr. Cabrera interrupted the discussion of the Mexican problem today.

We'll Do It, Too.

Laredo claims that she will have three thousands cars of onions to market this spring. The plants are not yet in the ground but nothing like counting chickens before the eggs for them are laid. Laredo can beat Eagle Pass on claiming, if she can't beat us on the quality of the onions raised.—Eagle Pass News-Guide.

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THRIFTY SWISS ARE MAKING SOME MONEY

BOUGHT HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF WHEAT FOR BREAD FOR THE CITIZENS.

By Associated Press.

Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 19.—The Swiss government profits by the sale or consumption of new bread. In order to economize the stock of cereals, since the beginning of the war Switzerland has purchased 540,000,000 francs worth of American wheat.

COMING BACK TO TEXAS.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Thaddeus A. Thompson, retiring American minister to Columbia, today closed his business with the state department and left for his home in Texas. His resignation was offered several months ago owing to his wife's ill health.

MORE PAY FOR NAVAL WORKERS.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—Assistant Secretary Roosevelt of the Navy Department today gave a hearing to committees representing the employes at the naval proving grounds at Indian Head, Md., in reference to the schedule of wages for the calendar year 1917 recommended by the regular naval wage board and now awaiting final action by the department. The 1917 scale recommended shows a general increase in nearly every branch of trade represented at the various navy yards and stations as compared with the existing scale of wages, following the increases made in private establishments where comparisons are possible in the general vicinity, due to increased business on account of the European war.

STOCKS OF OLD CLOTHES DEPLETED.

New York, Dec. 19.—"Charity begins at home" is an adage that probably has been impressed upon the minds of those now engaged in collecting supplies to furnish the customary Christmas cheer for the poor and destitute in the metropolis. The work of the Christmas charitable organizations this year has brought to light a surprising fact. There are no old clothes in New York. The Salvation Army and similar organizations have combed the city from end to end in efforts to collect a sufficient supply of cast-off clothing to supply the needy. But their endeavors have been in vain. All of the old coats and cloaks and other wearing apparel discarded by New Yorkers have been sent to the Belgians, the Serbians, the Lithuanians and other war sufferers in Europe.

Fortunately the call of the poor for clothing this year is lighter than has been the case for many years past. This fact is attributed in a measure to the mild weather experienced so far this Winter. But a more potent factor in the situation is that there is no lack of employment for those willing and able to work. All of the charitable organizations which supply cheer for the homeless and forlorn unite in declaring that there in far less poverty in New York than there was a year ago.

Sick Liver Causes Dizziness

Headache, biliousness, chronic constipation and muddy complexion are signs that your overworked liver needs Po-Do-Lax to take up a part of the burden. Po-Do-Lax is Nature's remedy, a liquid laxative derived from the May-apple, a gentle liver stimulant that increases the flow of bile and by its mildly laxative quality carries off the impurities that have clogged the intestines and aids Nature to clear the blood. Get a bottle to-day. At all Druggists, 50c.

BAKER UNDECIDED AS TO BEST SYSTEM

DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER UNIVERSAL COMPULSORY SERVICE OR SELECTIVE CONSCRIPTION BEST.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Secretary Baker told the house military committee today that he was undecided whether universal compulsory military service or a system of selective conscription was the best method of preparing for the National defense.

NAMES NEW JUDGE.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Judge Kimbrough Stone of Kansas City, son of Senator Stone, has been selected by President Wilson for nomination as United States judge of the Eighty-eighth circuit, succeeding Judge Elmer Adams.

MONTANA FARMERS IN SESSION.

Billings, Mont., Dec. 19.—Problems of vital importance to those engaged in agriculture are to be threshed out at the second annual convention of the second annual convention of Montana Farmers' Federation, which met in this city today for a three-day session. Representative farmers from every section of the State were on hand at the opening of the proceedings.

HONOR FOR WOMAN EDUCATOR.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 19.—Professor Maria L. Sanford, the oldest and one of the best known woman educators in America, was showered with good wishes today on the occasion of her eightieth birthday anniversary. In her honor a special convocation was held at the University of Minnesota, of which institution she is a professor emeritus.

Professor Sanford was born eighty years ago today at Old Saybrook, Conn., and was educated at the State normal school at New Britain. For more than sixty years, since 1852, she has been actively engaged in teaching. For nine years she was professor of history at Swarthmore College. From that institution she came to the University of Minnesota in 1880. She was active professor of rhetoric and elocution at the university until she retired in 1909. Since then she has been employed in extension work at the University of California and other leading institutions of learning.

SPORTING NOTES.

Gilmour Dobie, the University of Washington football coach, has made an enviable record in gridiron tutoring. He has turned out a championship team each year for the past nine years.

Augie Kleckheifer, the little left-handed cueist who represents Rockford in the Interstate Three-Cushion Billiard league, is keeping his slate clean in the championship race, having won nine straight games.

Rumors of an intention on the part of Jack Dillon to retire from the boxing game have been strengthened by the report that the Hoosier Bearcat has bought a cafe in Indianapolis.

CHINESE MINISTER THE SPEAKER.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 19.—Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo, the Chinese minister to the United States, was the principal speaker this afternoon at the one hundred and first convocation of the University of Chicago. "China and the United States" was the subject of his address.

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From Monday's Daily.

SOME TEXAS MINES.

Many people seem to think that a mine is worthless unless it is a gold mine, or a silver mine or a copper mine. It remained for the present war to bring out the true value of many of the mineral deposits in our country where wealth was never supposed to lie.

The news that a rich vein of iron pyrites was discovered on the farm of Capt. Tom Ross in Atascosa county ordinarily would have excited little interest, especially among those who have found pyrites, or "fool's gold," as it used to be called, while prospecting for more valuable metals.

But a vein of pyrites sufficiently thick to work—this one is said to be twelve feet thick—is a really valuable possession at present. For the apparently valueless pyrites contain sulphur in such large quantities that they become a valuable basis from which to extract sulphuric acid.

Jules Verne, who was a noted scientist as well as a novelist, once said that the civilization of a nation was distinguished by the amount of sulphuric acid it used. The acid is used in the refinement of sugar, in the making of many valuable chemicals and, at present, in making ammunition and other explosives.

In some of the zinc reducing plants the sulphur used to be a drawnback, as it cost much money to dispose of it without damaging neighboring properties. But finally a chemist discovered a way to turn the sulphurous fumes into sulphuric acid, and some of the ores brought almost as much in that valuable by-product as they did in metal.

There is an ever-increasing demand for sulphuric acid, and any thing which promises a new supply is valuable to the owner. The mine in Atascosa county, when fully developed, will probably bring in more in actual net results than many a mine of the more valuable metals.

And there are no doubt many more deposits of minerals in Texas that will pay richly for their development. There are few minerals that have been thoroughly exploited in this state, although it is known that there are few states in the Union more richly supplied with mineral resources.

While some are dreaming of the discovery of carnotite with the resultant manufacture of radium and the gaining of a large fortune, the commoner or "baser" minerals are left without development. There is talc, phosphate, potash, and many other minerals which would richly pay their discoverer, but no one thinks of such "insignificant" matters when considering mining problems.

We have granites and marbles equal to the finest ever discovered, yet we send away for Portland cement or fancy pressed brick with which to build. We have plently of cement rock, yet we import the finished product. We have some of the finest clays ever used, and we have graphite and other valuable minerals. Yet they remain undeveloped, while Texas people buy stock in Mexican mines or West Virginia oil fields.

Some day we shall have a school like that lately established in one of the Northern colleges devoted to the development of the ceramic arts. We need instruction in the proper use of our mineral resources, and while we are sending away for pottery, brick, drain tile, paving and encaustic tile and the like, we are wasting the best material that was ever left by a bountiful Providence within any man's reach.

The clay-sand road was a Texas discovery, yet in many places where there is both clay and sand in abundance the mud roads are still demonstrating our indifference to what we should be proud to own and use.

There are rich coal deposits in the various parts of Texas which have heretofore been developed, simply because of lack of sufficient interest in local investments. It sounds so much more affluent to talk of "my investment in Brazil rubber plantations," or Mexican mines, or General Incandescent or some other thing in which the confiding investor is sinking his money, than to speak of "our clay pit," or "our marble quarry," right here at home. And some day foreign capital is going to develop the very things that we now sneer at because it is "the dirt under our feet."

THE MEXICAN MUDDLE.

The Mexican question is now in the worst condition it has ever been, and from latest reports our officials are running around in circles and emitting sharp yelps of surprise and displeasure.

Our recognition, according to some, does not bind us to give any material aid to Carranza, while others insist that it obligates us to help him against Villa. Villa wants to be whitewashed, offering to furnish proof that he had nothing to do with the attack on Columbus or the massacre at Santa Isabel. He asks that we follow a policy of "hands off" with regard to his scrap with Carranza, in return for which he binds himself not to attack our forces in Mexico and to refrain from attacking our "unprotected" border!

Villa should not ask for any guarantees on our part. Our experience with Carranza is not such as to warrant our interference with Villa in attacks upon his bewhiskered rival. It is likely that were any of our forces to be within sighting distance of such a fight the cry would be: "Remember Carrizal!"

We owe nothing to Carranza. We recognized him as the de facto ruler of Mexico and with fourteen months of such recognition he has demonstrated that he cannot even hold what he had when recognized.

So far as Villa is concerned, our government cannot afford to make a bad matter worse by any recognition of him, much less by any treaty of alliance. It is probable that Villa is no worse than Carranza, but he is still under charges of having attacked an American town and of having deliberately assassinated a body of Americans who were under safe-conduct.

Carranza was not content with our recognition, but he basely betrayed us after having granted permission for our forces to enter Mexico, and gave orders for his troops to attack ours while bound on a mission which was calculated to aid Carranza in his domination of the western states.

Villa has sent envoys to "treat" with our government, and he evidently expects us to deal with him as with a sovereign power. But it should be remembered that the rules of warfare do not include any provision for treating with a declared bandit or his envoys, and in former times the emissaries of an outlaw would have met with a short shrift instead of a formal and polite welcome.

At present there seems to be no one with whom we can treat regarding the settlement of the Mexican problem. Carranza is certainly not in a position to live up to any agreement he may make, and he has shown a disposition to break any agreement he may enter into whenever it may suit his convenience or his caprice.

Villa now claims the supremacy in Chihuahua, Coahuila and Durango, and announces that he is approaching supremacy in Sonora. When one remembers that Coahuila is Carranza's native state, and that its governor is one of his most pliant tools, this statement is rather surprising.

Villa now wants to confer with General Hugh Scott relative to the best method of policing the border, and says that had Gen. Scott been unhampered he could long since have settled the Mexican question.

It is becoming more and more evident that had the military forces been unhampered by the often contradictory and always senseless orders from Washington the question would now be in a fair way to solution. Pershing was on several occasions restrained from action that might have eliminated Villa, although it is somewhat doubtful if the elimination of the wily bandit would have aided much in the re-establishment of peace.

It is possible that Villa may be whitewashed in connection with the charges of attacking Americans, and it is certain that Carranza cannot be absolved of the charge of having deliberately attacked our troops and having given orders that seriously hampered them in the pursuit of their object, namely, the capture or annihilation of the Villa bandits.

But a peaceful solution of the Mexican problem is as far off as it was when Juarez was captured by Madero's men in 1910.

While going home from the border, some of the Iowa artillerymen were injured. So they found it more dangerous to travel than it has been right here on the frontier. A Civil War veteran bitterly complained because he had gone through four years of war without a scratch and then "came home to be run over by a swill wagon!"

Five packing companies paid $12,500 each as fines for the violaion of the anti-trust laws of Missouri. Which reminds us; are we losing our thrift? We don't remember collecting a single fine from the "money devil" for some months past. We must not lose our grip.

In order to play no favorites the Germans have sunk both a Swedish and a Norwegian vessel. Now for a Danish ship and an Icelandic fishingboat and the whole Scandinavian race—outside of Minnesota—will be hopping mad. Skoll!

At any rate, while the German emperor is killing off the mature population of his country, his sons are presenting him with heirs so steadily that he need not fear the wiping out of the "Hohenzollernbrut" for some years to come. His daughter-in-law presented him with the fourth grandson born during the war.

Stomach Trouble and Constipation.

Those who are afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation should read the following: "I have never found anything so good for stomach trouble and constipation as Chamberlain's Tablets. I have used them off and on now for the past two years. They not only regulate the action of the bowels but stimulate the liver and keep one's body in a healthy condition," writes Mrs. Benjamin Hooper, Auburn, N. Y. *

THAT BAD BACK.

Do you have a dull, steady ache in the small of the back—sharp, stabbing twinges when stooping or lifting—distressing urinary disorders? For bad back and weakened kidneys Laredo residents recomended Doan's Kidney Pills. Read this Laredo man's statement.

E. T. Ramon, merchant, 1619 Lincoln St., Laredo, says: "I have suffered from attacks of backache for some time. I have dull, throbbing pains through my kidneys, so that I cannot stoop or straighten up again without suffering greatly. When one of these attacks comes on, I use Doan's Kidney Pills and they never fail to remove the trouble. They ease the pain and make me feel better generally."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Ramon uses. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

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Get rid of that tickling cough that keeps you awake at night and drains your vitality and energy. Dr. King's New Discovery is a pleasant balsam remedy, antiseptic, laxative and promptly effective. It soothes the irritated membrane and kills the cold germs; your cough is soon relieved. Delay is dangerous—get Dr. King's New Discovery at once. For nearly fifty years it has been the favorite remedy for grippe, croup, coughs and colds. Get a bottle today at your Druggists, 50c. *



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LITTLE LOCALS

—The importations through this port Saturday from Mexico consisted of thirty carloads of ixtle, eight carloads of calamine, four carloads of hides, one carload of cigarettes, one carload of lead bullion and one carload of bones.

—Just received—fresh imported bacalao. Moser's Store, phone 94. 12-14-6t.

—See R. Flores & Bro. for toys. North side Market Plaza. 12-11-12t.

—Many of the regular and national guard organzations stationed in Laredo are preparing elaborate menus for their Christmas dinners and the boys are preparing to spend the day in the proper way. After their meals each Christmas the soldier boys always remember the poor and distribute food and good cheer among many mendicants who besiege their mess halls.

—Moser's Store has just received a fresh supply of imported bacalao. Phone 94. 12-14-6t.

—A society comedy-drama, "The Interrupted Honeymoon," a companion play to "East Lynne," will be presented by the Harrison Tent Theater. This play is pronounced by those who have seen it as a beautiful play tinged here and there with pathetic sentiments and keeping the close attention of those who are watching it.

—Taxidermy in all its branches. Animals mounted true to life. Skins tanned and made into rugs. W. R. Muter, phone 774. 12-6-tf.

—Before you buy your toys see R. Flores & Bro. North side Market Plaza. 12-11-12t.

—Several of the Laredo boys with the Texas National Guard at Camp Scurry are endeavoring to secure furloughs that will enable them to come home to spend Christmas with their relatives. It will be impossible for all the boys to come, as every boy in Camp Scurry from different parts of the state entertains the same hopes of being able to go home for Christmas.

—I have three wagons for hauling sand, gravel, etc. Prices moderate. Telephone 272. Jose Maria Mendiola, 1308 Iturbide street. 12-5-12t.

—One week from today will be Christmas. Many employes will have unusually long vacations next week, as they will quit their daily work on Saturday, have Sunday and Monday to be spent in leisure and then go back to work on Tuesday morning. And all this is due to the fact that this year Christmas falls on Monday.

—Doctors Wilson and Stafford, DENTISTS. Office over People's Pharmacy. Phone 746. 10-10-tf.

—The committee of the temporary organization of the Laredo Rotary Club will meet during the week and decide on the choice of some wide-awake and progressive man to be president of the organization in Laredo. At another meeting the selection of a board of directors and a permanent secretary will be decided on by the fourteen charter members of the club.

—Teacher of English Spanish and Gregg Shorthand, evening lessons only. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times office. 10-11-tf

—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report: Panfilo Pulido and Miss Anna Garza, Seferino Reyes and Mrs. Felipa Molina, Andres Castillo and Mrs. Maria Martinez, Francisco Garcia and Miss Otila Ramirez.

—Tamales—15 cents per dozen. Fresh daily. Ross' Dary Lunch. Market Plaza. 12-18-1m.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office 6-5-tf (Adv.)

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TEXAS DEFEATED VIRGINIANS.

By One-Sided Score of 52 to 0 Lone Star Boys Defeated Old Dominion Boys at San Antonio.

The football game at San Antonio on Saturday afternoon between the Second Infantry and the Virginia Artillery gave additional laurels to the Texas boys, for they defeated the Old Dominion players by the one-sided score of 52 to 0. It appears that the Texans have defeated every team they tackled this season by big scores and their opponents have been held scoreless in all instances. The next team which the Texas boys will tackle and show the same route will be the Second Florida team from Laredo.

In its introductory remarks in the writeup of Saturday's game the San Antonio Express has this to say regarding the Texas-Virginia game:

"The biggest, fastest and cleverest football team that ever cleated the grass on a Texas gridiron came forth under the colors of the Second Texas Infantry Saturday afternoon at League Park and crushed the Virginia Arillery under the monumental score of 52 to 0. Eight touch downs and four goals from touch down built up a score that was made possible by wonderful individual football playing and still greater interference. Virginia was outweighed, and even the crack speedsters of the famous Norfolk Blues were made to look slow beside the big backs and ends of the Texans. As a contest it was not much—it was too monotonous and too much of a slaughter. But as an exposition of high-class football on the part of the winners, the game was worth the price many times over."

HAD A SUCCESSFUL HUNT.

Ninth Infantry Boys, After a Week Out in Quest of Game, Returned With a Plenteous Supply.

A party of Ninth Infantry boys composed of Private Smith, Corporal Gold, Corporal Kendall, Corporal Pohnson and Private Rolling of Co. B, retudned Saturday afternoon after being absent the entire week in quest of the denizens of the prairies and water tanks that provide fine eats.

The boys had great success on their hunt, as they got seven big bucks, 120 fat ducks and 74 rabbits, most of the game being brought back by them Saturday, while some of the deer and duck had been sent back to camp the early part of the week.

MURDER CASE CONTINUED.

Trial of Juan Elias Garza, Charged With Killing in Zapata County, Continued Until Next Term.

This morning in the district court the criminal docket was again taken up and the case against Juan Elias Garza, charging him with the killing in Zapata county last March of Romano Ramirez, which was set for trial today was called.

Important witnesses in the case had failed to appear when it was called and by agreement of parties concerned the trial of Garza was continued until the next term of the court. No other criminal cases were set for today, so the court called a case on the civil docket and that was taken up for disposition.

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FOURTH MISSOURI HAS CUP HUNG UP FOR THE CHAMPIONS

MISSOURI TEAM DECIDED WINNERS DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Fourteenth Cavalry and Third Field Artillery Were Close Behind, But Missourians Won Cup.

An exhibition game of baseball took place at Caliche Park yesterday afternoon between the Missourians who had been pronounced the champions of the Laredo District League, the Fourth Missouri team, and an aggregation styled the "All Stars," and composed of the best talent from the six other teams which had opposed the Fourth Missouri during the season and were among the real contenders for the pennant and the Bender Hotel trophy cup. The Missouri boys demonstrated beyond all question a week ago that they were the league champions when they defeated the Ninth Infantry team, "played safety" and cinched the cherized prize. The other teams could not win the pennant and dislodge the Missourians if they played a game or two each which they had yet coming, for had they won the games they could do not better than fight it out as to who belonged in second place.

During the game at Caliche Park yesterday afternoon the Bender Hotel trophy cup was presented to the captain of the Fourth Missouri team by Joe Moser, who acted on behalf of Manager Charles Soltau of the Bender Motel. The presentation feature was somewhat of a surprise to the Missouri boys, but they accepted the prize and the man who received it with a few words of thanks. Amid the felicitations of the teams who had fought hard for the cup many words of felicitations were expressed for the winners and the event proved one of those affairs where good feeling and satisfaction prevailed on every hand.

The exhibition game yesterday was a closely-contested and most interesting one. Roberts, the invincible twirler of the Fourth Missouri team to whom the victory of the aggregation is directly due, pitched a wonderful game for his team yesterday and was opposed by three star twirlers from the other teams of the league, Brought of the Third Field Artillery, Bates of the Ninth Infantry and Guerra of the Nationals, each of whom were on the firing line for the "All Stars" for three innings and succeeded in defeating the champions by the close margin of 2 to 1. The "All Stars" annexed the first run of the game in the fifth round, while in the seventh the Fourth Missouri put a man across the plate and the score was tied. In the eighth inning, however, the "All Stars" succeeded in making another run on a bingle and the second run to their credit was chalked up. The Fourth tried to score in the eighth, too, but were unable to connect and the ninth round proved scoreless and the game accordingly went to the "All Stars."

The Laredo District League was organized in July and since its formation the teams that have been represented in it were composed of the Ninth Infantry, Fourteenth Cavalry, Laredos, Nationals, First, Second, Third and Fourth Missouri regiments, the Second Maine, the First New Hampshire. The First and Third Missouri and Second Maine teams ceased to be members when those regiments returned to their home stations, and when the season ended there were seven teams still in the league. Some excellent exhibitions of the national sport have been witnessed in Laredo during the life of the baseball organization, success has attended the games by good attendances and general satisfaction resulted in all respects.

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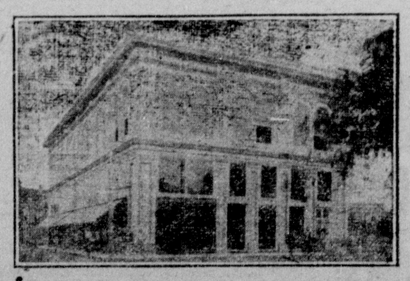
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Beginning Tonight the Harrison Tent Theater Will Reduce Their Prices For Parquet and Box Seats.

The Harrison Tent Theater is receiving more encouragement now by increased audiences to witness their high-class plays and on Saturday night, the Sunday matinee in the afternoon and the Sunday night performances they were greeted by good-sized audiences—the kind that they are deserving of in appreciation of their repertoire of plays.

The presentation of the western dama, "The Counterfeiter's Daughter," on Saturday night gave several of the members of the caste an opportunity to demonstrate their histrionic abilities to advantage, and this they did, all entering into the play in that earnest manner that spells success. The plot was well laid, there were several villains, both male and female in it, and as usual the hero and heroine and the good samaritan flured conspicuously, together with a facetious negro workman who provoked laughter at intervals throughout the four acts.

For Sunday afternoon's play the play was "Winona, a Child of the Slums," and it proved a play that was interesting and touching from start to finish—so like the accounts one reads of regarding and touching from start to finish—so like the accounts one reads of regarding the children of the underworld. Sunday night, by special request, the society drama, "Mr. Jim Bailey," was reproduced before a good-sized audience.

Beginning this evening there will be inaugurated the regular holiday scales of prices at the show: General admission, 10 cents; parquet seats, 20 cents instead of 25 cents; box seats, 30 cents instead of 50 cents. Doubtless, with these reduced prices prevailing, the show tent will hereafter be crowded with the large audiences that should attend.

Pound Notice.

Two burros picked up for violation of the city ordinance governing stray animals and now in pound will be sold at public auction in front of the City Hall, Tuesday morning, December 19, 1916, at ten o'clock, unless the owner or owners call before that hour and pay all costs that have accrued.

M. BRENNAN,
City Marshal.

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 15, 1916.

12-15-3t.

BOX FOR LAREDO SOLDIERS.

We. Fargo & Co. Express Will Make Nominal Charge of One Dollar to Handle Any Size Box.

As it is the intention of the good people of Corpus Christi to give a Christmas celebration in honor of the Texas National Guardsmen stationed a Camp Scurry there, and on the request of Mayor Roy Miller of that city and through the authority granted by the railroad commission of the state, the Wells, Fargo & Co. Express will handle a box containing Christmas packages which the people of Laredo may desire to send to the boys of the Laredo company at Corpus Christ.

The express company advices that in this box can be placed anything that the relatives or friends of the Laredo boys may desire to send, including personal packages to any individual member of the company. This box can be addressed and waybilled to the captain of the company with a charge of one dollar, this nominal charge being made for the reason that, under the law, the express company could not grant a dead-head rate, which they desired very much to do. So now it is up to the people of Laredo to get together the contents of a large box and dispatch it by express to "our boys" at Camp Scurry, Corpus Christi.

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Shetland Ponies.

There will be in Laredo on Tuesday, December 19, a herd of Shetland ponies, specimens of a larger herd that are for sale. Parties interested can see them at 2102 Washington street or phone 632.

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Mr. Winch is the possessor of a personality which makes an infinity of friends for himself and his company which added to his "absolutely square treatment" of his patrons, places him in the vanguard of Laredo business men and among those who may be depended upon in any civic or business emergency.

FOR SMUGGLING NARCOTICS.

Charles Williams Apprehended on Saturday by Customs Inspectors and Narcotics Found on Him.

Charles Williams, an American, was apprehended by customs inspectors at the international foot bridge on Saturday just as he was returning from Nuevo Laredo with a small supply of narcotics in his possession. It is a violation of the federal law to import narcotics in this manner.

This morning Williams was given a preliminary hearing before U. S. Commissioner Foster on the charge against him, and after hearing the evidence the violator of the law was bound over to the federal grand jury in the sum of $100, and being unable to provide bond he was remanded to the county jail until the April term of the federal court.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Webb.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Execution issued out of the Honorable Justice Court of Webb County, on the 21st day of November, 1916, by J. M. Slaughter, Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 1, Place 1, for the sum of Fifty-four and fifty-five cents ($54.55) dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of Juan T. Rossetti in a certain cause in said court, No. 2761 and styled Juan T. Rossetti vs. Maria V. de Quintanilla and Ildefonso Quintanilla, placed in my hands for service, I, Antonio Salinas as Sheriff of Webb County, Texas, did on the 22nd day of November, 1916, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Webb County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

All of Blocks Numbers 485, 486, 526 and 622, all located, situated and being in the Western Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of Maria V. de Quintanilla and Ildefonso Quintanilla, and that on the first Tuesday in January, 1917, the same being the 2nd day of said month, at the Court House door, of Webb County, in the City of Laredo, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Execution I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Maria V. de Quintanilla and Ildefonso Quintanilla.

And in compliance with law, give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Laredo Daily Times, a newspaper published in Webb County.

Witness my hand, this 8th day of December, 1916.

ANTONIO SALINAS,
Sheriff, Webb County, Texas.
By M. G. BENAVIDES, Deputy.

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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Monday.

There will be an important business meeting of Christ Church Parish Guild at three o'clock in the afternoon at the Rectory with Mrs. Cook.

There will be a dance at Elks Hall at half after eight o'clock in the evening, complimenting Miss Edna Brown, a bride of the week.

Tuesday.

The Christ Church Junior Auxiliary will hold its regular weekly meeting at the Rectory at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist church at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Misses Murphy will entertain at dinner at the Hotel Hamilton at six o'clock in the evening.

Miriam Champter No. 86, O. E. S., will hold its regular meeting at the Masonic Hall at eight o'clock in the evening.

Ladies Night at the Ninth Infantry Club.

Christmas Days.

I.

Christmas days
And Christmas ways,
Never time like this is;
Christmas noise
And Christmas joys,
Christmas hugs and kisses.

II.

(Ladies, ladies,
To the right!
Kiss your lover
Christmas night!)

III.

Christmas days
And Christmas ways—
What though skies be snowing?
Still the heart
Can play its part—
Still the music's going.

IV.

(Ladies, ladies,
To the right!
Kiss your lover
Christmas night!)
—Austin American.

General Mention.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Foster and Mrs. J. C. Martin have returned from a several days' stay at the Martin ranch.

Lieut. Harrell has returned to San Antonio after a deer hunt at the Martin ranch.

Mrs. C. B. Kenedy has returned from a visit to relatives in Brownsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Muller have moved their residence to the MacKendrick cottage on Santa Maria avenue.

George Hodges and Tom Nye arrived in Laredo the latter part of the week on a visit.

Miss Evelyn Moore returned yesterday from Nashville to spend the holidays.

Mesdames E. F. Lewis and E. H. Buenz will leave tonight for San Antonio and will return home Wednesday. Miss Marzelle Beene will join them in San Antonio and accompany them home.

Messrs. Luis and Arturo Meza Morton and Mr. Ricardo Perez and family arrived today from Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Enrique Benavides, Miss Amalia Garcia and Miss Consuelo Wilmot left this morning in the Garcia automobile for San Antonio, where they go to meet Miss Ofelia Garcia, who is on her way home from St. Mary's Academy at Austin to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eusebio Garcia.

Announcements.

Christ Church Choir and Parish Guild will entertain for the soldiers of the Episcopal church at the Rectory on Christmas evening.

Christ Church will have its Christmas tree entertainment at the church and the Rectory Tuesday evening, December 26.

This Christian church will have its Christmas tree entertainment at the church Saturday evening, December 23.

The Baptist church will have their Christmas tree Saturday night, December 23.

The Baptist Ladies' Aid will hold their meeting Thursday afternoon, December 28, instead of this week as announced. The meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Salice, and will be a missionary meeting. Mrs. O. C. Ulmer will be the leader and the subject will be "China."

"Elks' Hall, 8:30 p. m., Dec. 25, Girls of the Laredo Younger Set, At Home. Dancing."

Christmas Dance.

The following invitation has been received in this city: "The Laredo Club of The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, requests the pleasure of your presence at their annual Christmas Dance, Tuesday evening, December twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred and sixteen, Elks Hall, nine-thirty, Laredo, Texas."

Married in Nuevo Laredo.

A pretty church wedding took place at the Catholic church in Nuevo Laredo last Thursday morning, when Mr. Samuel Serrano of this city and Miss Hortensia Garcia were united in marriage. Following the ceremony a reception was given the happy couple at the home of the bride in that city and at noon Mr. and Mrs. Serrano took the train for San Antonio on a short bridal tour, returning to Laredo this morning to make their future home. Mr. Serrano is in the employ of Garcia's Studio and is an expert in that line, while his bride is a popular young lady of Nuevo Laredo. The many friends of the happy couple wish them long life and happiness.

Club Notes.

The Christian Endeavor Society hold its regular weekly meeting at the Christian Church last evening. The subjct of the lesson was "Hard Tasks Awaiting Us." The leader of the evening was Mr. Lee. There were a number of splendid talks by the members, and Mr. Calhoun touched very interestingly upon the subject of the lesson. There were about thirty-five members present.

The B. Y. P. U. Junior met at the Baptist Church last evening, and held a very interesting meeting. The subject of the lesson was "Paul at Beroea;" this was a Bible study. The minutes on the previous meeting were read and approved. Those present were: Misses Margaret Claflin, Lois Stoner, Belva Bergman, Emma and Stella Salazar, Maria Naranjo, Elizabeth Woods, Beulah Putman, Harold Yeary, Henry Woods, Jack King, Gorham Woods and Fred Hodges.

Entertainments.

Miss Vesta Sutton was hostess to the members of the J. U. G. Club on Saturday. A pleasant social hour was enjoyed, after which the hostess served a dainty refreshment course. Those present to enjoy the gracious hospitality were: Misses Anita Sharkey, Ernestina Sanchez, Eugenia Lafon and Anna Sutton.

Miss Edna Brown entertained delightfully on Saturday evening with a beautifully appointed dinner complimenting her bridal party. The home was most attractively decorated with potted fern and cyclamens. The guests were served from small tables, overlaid with embroidered cloths; single golden-colored tapers in brass candlesticks, with golden shades, centrally adorned the tables. Dainty place cards of Japanese design marked the places of the guests. A six-course dinner was served, and covers were laid for Mesdames Brown, Austin and Halsell, Misses Nell Story, Bess Denning, Bettie Linn MacMeans, Eva Austin, Theodora Gullette, Lillian Westbrook, Alice Denike, Louise Muller, and the hostess.

Lieutenant Gilbreath was host to a dinner party on Saturday evening at the Bender Hotel, honoring his wedding attendants, and additional guests. A six-course dinner was served from a charmingly appointed table. Covers were laid for Mr. Brown, Mr. T. A. Austin, Dr. Halsell, Colonel Hanley, Major Rockanback, Major Switzer, Lieutenants Dwan, Hemphill, Herr, Messrs. Percy Winch, Prinz Buttron, and the host. At the conclusion of the dinner the party repaired to the home of Mr. Sam Brown, where the ladies joined them, and a theatre party at the Royal Thatre was enjoyed.

How to Prevent Croup.

In a child that is subject to attacks of croup, the first indication of the disease is hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off and all danger and anxiety. *

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PANI REPORTED TO COMMISSION TODAY

BELIEVED HIS MESSAGE FROM CARRANZA IS COUNTER DECLARATION OF THE MEXICAN POLICY.

By Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 18.—At the morning session of the Mexican-American commission, Alberto Pani made a verbal report of his conference with Carranza. Although the Americans could not comment, it was indicated that Carranza was not disposed to close the door against the agreement. Carranza did not sign the protocol. However, it is understood that the declaration relative to unrestricted pursuit of bandits by the American forces wounded the sensibilities of Carranza and that the message brought by Pani was practically a counter declaration of the policy of the Mexican government.

GENERAL STRIKE IN SPAIN.

By Associated Press.

Madrid, Spain, Dec. 18.—A 24-hour general strike of labor organizations as a protest against increased prices for food will take place tomorrow throughout Spain. Factories and stores will be closed and not a newspaper published.

SPANISH YOUTH MAY NOT ENTER COUNTRY

BECAUSE HIS FATHER WAS SICK SPANISH BOY WAS NOT PERMITTED TO LAND FROM SHIP.

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 18.—Because the United States immigration laws permit no alien under 16 years of age to enter unless accompanied by parents or guardian, Carlos Valdez Alvarez, aged 14 years, the son of Manuel Valdez Alvarez, a wealthy Spanish merchant, was taken to Ellis Island today when he arrived from Cadiz. The father was attacked by apoplexy and had to be carried from the boat to the hospital, leaving the boy subject to the law. New York firms offered bail but to no avail.

THREE WERE KILLED.

By Associated Press.

Hobart, Okla., Dec. 18.—Three persons were killed and one hurt last night when an automobile collided with a freight train.

WILSONS' WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—The President and Mrs. Wilson on Monday next will round out the first year of their wedded life. It was on December 18 of last year that Mrs. Norman Galt, as she then was, became the bride of the nation's chief executive. The marriage was performed at the home of the bride and was followed by a honeymoon visit to Hot Spring, Va. No plans have been made at the White House for a celebration of the anniversary. It is probable that the only observance of the day will be a dinner party to which members of the two families and a few intimate friends will be invited.

PRACTICAL.

For some reason the Sunday school class had become intensely interested in Methuselah, and at their urgent request the teacher related all the authentic information recorded in the Bible about that amazing man, also various anecdotes gleaned from less reliable sources.

In conclusion she said: "Now, is that all? Are there any further questions you would like to ask about Methuselah?"

"I'd like to know," said the most interested youngster of the lot, "where all his birthday presents are buried."

Neglected Colds Grow Worse.

A cough that racks and irritates the thoat may lead to a serious chronic cough, if neglected. The healing pine balsams in Dr. Bell's Pine Tar Honey—Nature's own remedy—will soothe and relieve the irritation, breathing will be easier, and the antiseptic properties will kill the germ which retarded healing. Have it handy for croup, sore thoat and chronic bronchial affections. Get a bottle to-day. Pleasant to take. At all Druggists, 25c. *

POPE BENEDICT NOT READY TO MEDIATE

VATICAN STATEMENT SAYS HE WILL MAKE NO COMMENT ON GERMAN PEACE NOTE.

By Associated Press.

Rome, Dec. 18.—Pope Benedict has no intention of attempting to mediate among the belligerents at present, according to a Vatican statement. The statement says that neither the pope nor the Holy See have made or wish to make any comment regarding the German peace proposals.

Lloyd George to Speak.

London, Dec. 18.—Lloyd George will make a statement regarding the government policy in the house of commons tomorrow, Bonar-Law announced today.

Received Peace Note.

London, Dec. 18.—The peace note of the Central powers was handed to the British government today by American Ambassador Page.

British Steamship Sunk.

London, Dec. 18.—Lloyd's reports the sinking of the steamship Westminster. There is a British steamship of that name.

Russian Attacks Failed.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—Russian attacks in Teutons Fi[illegible] the regian northwest of [illegible]rad. Dec effort to recapture a position taken by the Germans failed, the war office says.

Captured Many Germans.

Paris, Dec. 18.—The French have taken a total of 11,387 German prisoners on the Verdun front since December 15, the war office announced today. A violent German attack on the Meuse resulted in the Germans securing a footing at Chambrette farm.

DARK DAY IN PITTSBURG.

By Associated Press.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 18.—This is the darkest day in Pittsburg's history. The streets, even in the suburbs, were as dark as midnight at 9 o'clock this morning. The darkness is due to falling temperature causing a fog.

BANK ROBBERS GOT $7,500.

By Associated Press.

Brush, Colorado, Dec. 18.—Two men held up the Stockmen's National Bank when its doors opened here today and escaped in a motor car with $7,500.

A CLEAR CASE.

Policeman (giving evidence)—After being ejected from the cinema, he was discovered with a large bouquet in his arms on the doorstep of the back entrance to the picture palace.

Magistrate—Did he give any reason for his extraordinary beheavior?

Policeman—His speech was very indistinct, yer worship, but from what I could gather e' was waiting to see Mary Pickford 'ome.

D. C. M.

It was not the intention of the weaver, about whom Tit-Bits tells, to pose as a hero. He joined the army at the outbreak of the war. From "somewhere in France" he wrote that among other things he had had a D. C. M.

When he came home on a short furlough, to his surprise the mayor, councilors and town band met him at the station and conveyed him to the town hall for a banquet.

Speechless, he went through everything.

During the course of his speech the mayor said how proud they all were of him, and that he fully deserved the distinguished conduct medal.

Then a light appeared in the "hero's" eyes.

"Distinguished conduct medal!" he said. "What they gave me was a district court-martial for pinchin' a chicken!"

Notice to Hunters.

We hereby give notice that we positively forbid hunting on any land owned or controlled by either or both of us. This embraces W. P. May's ranch and the S. N. Johnson back pasture, which is leased by us. [illegible] have these pastures stocked and [illegible] not afford to permit trespassing. So, please keep out and save us the necessity of resorting to the law, which we shall dislike, but will have to do.

W. P. MAY,
W. A. CRAIG.

10-23-tf.

WOULD ABOLISH THE VOLUNTEER SYSTEM

GENERAL HUGH SCOTT SAYS WE MUST RESORT TO UNIVERSAL LIABILITY TO SERVICE.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Major General Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, told the senate military committee today that the army general staff recommended with no apology that the volunteer system be discarded because "the time has come when this country, unless it intends to avoid war at any cost," must resort to universal liability to military training and service. Gen. Scott said that the Mexican crisis failed to recruit many National Guard organizations even to the minimum peace strength.

WINTER WHEAT INCREASED.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Winter wheat has been sown on an estimated area of 40,090,000 acres, an increase of 887,000 acres over that in 1915, the department of agriculture announces. Condition December 1 was 85.7 per cent of normal, compared with 87.7 per cent last year and 90.2 per cent for the ten-year average.

FRENCH BARON WAS ORDERED DEPORTED

ALLEGED FRENCH-ENGLISH FINANCIER HAS APPEALED FROM ORDER TO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 18.—Baron Robert Emmanuel Oppenheim, an alleged French-English financier, was ordered deported from the United States after a hearing before the immigration board. He appealed to the department of labor.

WITH THE BOXERS.

Just to show how easy it is to claim a championship Jimmy Johnston, the New York boxing manager, asserts that Joe Welling is the honest-to-goodness lightweight champion.

Last July Young Britt, New Bedford's sensational scrapper was working in a mill for $9.60 a week. His earnings in the ring since July 21, when he started his long list of victories, amount to $7,000.

A Jess Willard-Georges Carpentier bout would mean that Fred Fulton would have to wait a whle longer to clinch a clash with the champion. And Fred has been canceling bouts in order to be first in line to tackle Jess.

JUDGE BY THE SOUND.

The retort discourteous is well exemplified in the following ancedote from London Fun: In a village cricket match the local butcher was batting, when a ball bumped up and hit him on the head, from which the wicket-keeper made a catch.

"How's that?" yelled the wicket-keeper.

"Hout!" said the umpire.

"But it hit me on the head," protested the batsman.

"I don't know where it 'it you," responded the umpire. "But I knows the sound of wood, so hout you go!"

HAPPILY DISPOSED OF.

"Mr. Beats," the grocer said wearily, "I ask you for the last time, will you pay that $20 you owe me?"

"For the last time?" Beats replied cheerfully. "I'm glad to hear you say that, old man. You know, I was getting awfully tired of hearing you ask that foolish question!"

Notice to Hunters.

The law forbids and we do also, so you are warned that no hunting will be allowed in the Espejo pastures. This is imperative for we have them fully stocked and will have to prosecute any person found trespassing therein. So please heed this warning and don't compel us to do something that we dislike very much to do.

ALEXANDER & CLIFTO[illegible]

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From Tuesday's Daily.

WOULD NOT SIGN IT.

It is reported from the Mexican-American commission, after hearing the report of Alberto Pani of his conference with Carranza, that the Mexican dictator would not sign the protocol, because, it is surmised, "his sensibilities were wounded by the declaration relative to the unrestricted pursuit of bandits."

The main difficulty of our intercourse with Carranza has been this same over-regard for his "sensibilities," without any consideration of what was right and just, both for the Mexicans and the Americans.

Whenever a proposition has been made that Carraza's obstinacy would not permit him to entertain, the same statement as to his "sensibilities" has been made, and almost everybody concerned is becoming tired of it. Even Pani himself, a firm friend of Carranza and a stanch supporter of the present regime, was moved to suggest some propositions regarding the withdrawal of our troops that were not contemplated by Carranza when the Mexicans set forth on what now appears to have been a useless mission.

Carranza does not mean to entertain any proposition that is not forced upon him. We may as well understand this first as last. He proposes to dictate to our government in everything concerning the protection of the border, the presence of our troops in Mexico, the safeguarding of lives and interests of foreigners—in short, everything upon which is based the present contention.

It is certain that the majority of the people of this country do not propose to be dictated to, and particularly by a man who cannot command the respect of even his own people. A flat refusal of the Carranza propositions is certain to come, unless he alters his tone and the nature of his demands.

For this reason, it is becoming a matter of wonder why the conferences of the commissioners are still going on, and no one seems to be able to give a satisfactory answer. Nothing good can possibly result from the conferences, and this was apparent the day that Cabrera made his first insolent demand for the withdrawal of our forces.

In the first place, neither Carranza nor Cabrera are qualified to speak for the entire Mexican people. They represent only a small fraction of the population, and that fraction is not be any means inclusive of the best thought or the most patriotic motives in Mexico.

The temporary successes of Villa made Carranza willing—for a few days—to listen to reason, but as soon as it was reported that Villa had been driven out of Chihuahua, a report disproved by the official statements of the Carranza commanders a day or two later, he began to regain his composity and his confidence in his own star of destiny.

The latest reports from Mexico do not indicate any hope of success for the Carranza party. Indeed, it is stated decisively that Villa is gaining in strength every day. A failure to control the country after more than a year of recognition of his government would seem to show that Carranza is not a strong man, although he has been shown to be a vindictive and a small-minded man.

Why not declare the conferences ended after a certain date unless Carranza shall have indicated his willingness to accept proper terms? This would be the natural procedure for any government confident of its own strength and the justice of its cause.

Either we are right in our present attitude toward Mexico, in which case we should persist in it; or we are wrong, and we should lose no time in so stating and withdrawing our forces.

The protection of our border is at least as important to the people of the United States as is a respect for the "sensibilities" of a man who can calmly give orders for the execution of his personal enemies, including those who helped to place him where he now is.

The tender sensibilities of a man who can sit down supinely and permit his nation to go to ruin without an effort to save it are not worth much consideration. And it is not so much sensibility as conceit which is worrying him.

ELIMINATE POLITICS.

The recent muddle in the Texas University will have the effect of convincing the majority of the people that the university should be taken out of politics. When a great institution of learning is open to such attacks as have been made upon it, there is every reason to believe that the handling of the people's college should not be left to politicians.

After all, according to the record of the investigation recently made, the there was of graft were merely technical and there is no reason to believe that the people have been robbed by the faculty or the business management of the university.

One unfortunate feature of the university question is that it is dependent upon the legislature for permission to use its own funds for its own uses. This is one of the causes for the "shacks" that have disfigured the campus and have placed our university almost at the bottom of the ladder as regards accommodations for students.

There are more than 2,000 students in the Texas University, most of them sons and daughters of the plain people. Many of them are working their way through college, and there are few who have the means to carry through their courses without the necessity for labor of some sort.

It was proposed to issue bonds for the construction of necessary buildings to carry on the university work, to be paid out of the income of the institution. This was defeated, and the only construction that can be carried into effect is that which the current year's funds will permit each year.

There should be no politics in the management of this, one of the greatest educational institutions in the country. The board of regents should not be subject to political influence, nor should any member of the faculty be employed or dismissed because of political leanings or friendships.

The greatest educational institutions of this country have prospered to the extent that they have been free from political or religious influence. Those bound by promises or covenants with either state or church have had the least influence, and the smallest measure of success.

The University of Texas is of the people, for the people and is supported by the people. It has never shown any inclination to be autocratic or aristocratic. The very reverse is true, as is shown by the character of the majority of the students graduated. We can safely trust the university to remain as democratic as the majority of the people.

The French are reported to have captured nearly twelve thousand Germans on the Verdun front since December 15—or three days ago. At that rate, how long will the Verdun campaign last?

A man bearing the name of Oppenheim and claiming to be a Franco-English financier has been ordered deported after a hearing by the immigration board. It is not stated whether he was trying to sell Austrian bonds or to buy more rubber and copper for suffering German babies.

General Hugh Scott and the army general staff recommend that the volunteer system be discarded. They do not, however, explain how we are to enforce a universal service system, although that is what they believe we are coming to. Now listen to the Europeans say: "I told you so."

FOR THROAT AND LUNGS
STUBBORN COUGHS AND COLDS
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MISSOURI TROOPS TO MOVE SOON AS CARS ARRIVE HERE

ONY THE FOURTH MISSOURI REGIMENT REMAINS HERE.

Orders Received for Mustering Out of Second Missouri and Several Units Missouri Guardsmen.

Yesterday afternoon just as the Times had gone to press there came an Associated Press dispatch from Washington announcing that Major General Funston, commander of the department of the south, acting upon orders from the war department, had designated a total of 16,000 national guardsmen from various states doing duty on the Texas border to be relieved and returned to their home stations to be mustered out.

Shortly after the receipt of this press dispatch came orders from General Funston designating fifteen hundred of the troops stationed in Laredo as a part of those to be retired, they being the Second Missouri Infantry regiment, the Missouri Ambulance Co., the Missouri Field Hospital, Troop B of the Missouri Cavalry (the latter now at Marfa) and the third separate brigade headquarters, with Brigadier General Harvey C. Clark of the Missouri National Guad in command.

Immediately upon the announcement of the withdrawal and retirement of the Missouri national guardsmen requisition was made for ample railway rolling stock to move them, but it is very probable that it will be until after Christmas before the movement of the troops begin. The orders for the retiring national guardsmen to proceed to Fort Filey, Kansas, where the demobilization orders will be carried out, the men mustered out of the federal service and returned to their respective homes.

The Second Missouri Regiment and brigade headquarters and the units mentioned arrived in Laredo last June together with the First, Third and Fourth Missouri regiment, the signal corps company and the cavalry and the three batteries of artillery from that state, and with the departure of the Second Missouri Infantry regiment and the units mentioned, all the Missouri National Guard with the exception of the Fourth Missouri Infantry regiment will have returned home.

However, there will still be several thousand national guardsmen left in Laredo, viz: The Fourth Missouri Infantry regiment, the First New Hampshire Infantry regiment and the Second Florida regiment, together with the forces of the regular army, totaling in all more than 5,000 regulars and national guardsmen.

Stomach Trouble and Constipation.

Those who are afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation should read the following: "I have never found anything so good for stomach trouble and constipation as Chamberlain's Tablets. I have used them off and on now for the past two years. They not only regulate the action of the bowels but stimulate the liver and keep one's body in a healthy condition," writes Mrs. Benjamin Hooper, Auburn, N. Y. *

Shetland Ponies.

There will be in Laredo on Tuesday, December 19, a herd of Shetland ponies, specimens of a larger herd that are for sale. Parties interested can see them at 2102 Washington street or phone 632.

12-15-4t.

FAMILY AVOIDS SERIOUS SICKNESS

By Being Constantly Supplied With Thedford's Black-Draught.

McDuff, Va.—"I suffered for several years," says Mrs. J. B. Whittaker, of this place, "with sick headache, and stomach trouble.

Ten years ago a friend told me to try Thedford's Black-Draught, which I did, and I found it to be the best family medicine for young and old.

I keep Black-Draught on hand all the time now, and when my children feel a little bad, they ask me for a dose, and it does them more good than any medicine they ever tried.

We never have a long spell of sickness in our family, since we commenced using Black-Draught."

Thedford's Black-Draught is purely vegetable, and has been found to regulate weak stomachs, aid digestion, relieve indigestion, colic, wind, nausea, headache, sick stomach, and similar symptoms.

It has been in constant use for more than 70 years, and has benefited more than ... people.

Your druggist sells and recommends it. Price only 25c. Get a package today. N. C. 883

LITTLE LOCALS

—While the Texas National Guardsmen will be made to feel at home on Christmas Day by the Rotary Club and citizens of Corpus Christi generally, it behooves friends and relatives of the Laredo boys in the organization to get busy and get together a box to contain presents for each of "our boys" and take advantage of the liberal offer of the Wells, Fargo & Co. Express to transport the box to Camp Scurry for the nominal sum of one dollar.

—Tamales—15 cents per dozen. Fresh daily. Ross' Dairy Lunch. Market Plaza. 12-18-1m.

—Just received—fresh imported bacalao. Moser's Store, phone 94. 12-14-6t.

—The withdrawal of sixteen thousand national guardsmen from various states from the Texas border will make a big decrease in the force now doing duty in that respect and Laredo, it is reported, will lose about fifteen hundred men, including the Second Missouri Infantry regiment, Troop B, Missouri Cavalry and Missouri Ambulance Corps, which have been stationed here since early last June.

—See R. Flores & Bro. for toys. North side Market Plaza. 12-11-12t.

—Moser's Store has just received a fresh supply of imported bacalao. Phone 94. 12-14-6t.

—Christmas shopping is the order of the day in Laredo just now and when one ventures into one of the stores of the city he finds great crowds of shoppers and busy clerks rushing about accommodating and serving them. Many people have delayed their shopping until this time, but even then that is better than waiting up to the day before Christmas.

—Taxidermy in all its branches. Animals mounted true to life. Skins tanned and made into rugs. W. R. Muter, phone 774. 12-6-tf.

—Before you buy your toys see R. Flores & Bro. North side Market Plaza. 12-11-12t.

—The importations through this port from Mexico yesterday consisted of a shipment of 142 Mexican cattle, one carload of wool and thirteen carloads of ixtle. The exportations to Mexico at this time, on account of the holidays, are quite heavy.

—Doctors Wilson and Stafford, DENTISTS. Office over People's Pharmacy. Phone 746. 10-10-tf.

—Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg Shorthand, evening lessons only. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times office. 10-11-tf.

—The county clerk has issued the following marriage license since last report: Frederick Gilbreath and Miss Edna Brown.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office. 6-5-tf (Adv.)

—A young man who was accidentally shot in the leg near Hebbronville several days ago and brought to this city for medical treatment, died yesterday, but the Times was unable to learn the particulars or the name of the unfortunate young man.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 6-24-tf

—Everybody is busy these days planning for a Merry Christmas keeping the faculty of thought busy trying to determine what would be a suitable Christmas gift for some loved one or an intimate friend.

—If it is neat and accurate job printing that you want send your orders to The Times job department. Expert workmanship and the best of materials 1-9-tf

SCHOOLS WILL CLOSE FRIDAY.

Will Have Ten Days Vacation for the Holidays and Resume Sessions on Tuesday, January 2.

The public schools of the city of Laredo will close for the holidays on Friday afternoon in order to give teachers and pupils an opportunity to enjoy the Yuletide season and will resume their sessions on Tuesday moning, January 2, 1917.

Several of the teachers of the schools whose homes are away from Laredo will leave on Friday night to be at home to spend Christmas with their relatives, returning here in time to be present at the resuming of school. Some of the pupils will likewise go away to spend the holidays as the guests of elatives or friends.

Stiff, Sore Muscles Relieved

Cramped muscles or soreness following a cold or case of grippe are eased and relieved by an application of Sloan's Liniment. Does not stain the skin or clog the pores like mussy ointments or plasters and penetrates quickly without rubbing. Limber up your muscles after exercise, drive out the pains and aches of rheumatism, neuralgia, lumbago, strains, sprains and bruises with Sloan's Liniment. Get a bottle to-day. At all Druggists, 25c. *

DISCHARGED THE PRISONER AND HE HAS DISAPPEARED

REASON GIVEN WAS "BECAUSE NO ONE CAME FOR HIM."

William N. Green, Wanted Here for Forgery and Embezzlement, Released by Texarkana Authorities.

When Deputy Sheriff Mendiola arrived in Tekarkana yesterday to take into custody and bring back to Laredo a man named William N. Green, who is wanted here on charges of forgery and embezzlement, and who was arrested by the sheriff of Bowie county last week and the Webb county authorities notified, he was informed by the Bowie county officers that Mr. Green had been released from custody "because no one came for him." That was a "beautiful stunt," as the vernacular of the day would express it.

Webb county authorities were notified on December 12 that William N. Green, wanted here on several charges, had been arrested in Texarkana and would be held pending the arrival of a Webb county officer. As soon as possible Sheriff Salinas dispatched Deputy Sheriff Mendiola to the city mentioned after the prisoner. A telegram received this morning from Deputy Sheriff Mendiola states that Green disappeared from Texarkana as soon as he was released from the Bowie county jail and no one knows where he now is. He was released the same day the Webb county officers were notified of his apprehension.

Green was wanted in Laredo on two charges of forgery and also on a charge of embezzlement from August C. Richter. His arrest was caused by his attempt to cash a large check drawn on the Laredo National Bank, and after that evidence was in the hands of the Texarkana officials the authorities here are wondering how they could discharge the culprit from their custody.

TENT THEATER WILL LEAVE.

Harrison Company Will Conclude Their Engagement in Laredo Tonight and Leave for Alice.

With the performance which they give in their big tent this evening, the Harrison Tent Theater will abrupt conclude their engagement in Laredo, due to the fact that on account of the prevalent holiday season the company is not receiving the liberal patronage that they deserve and they deem it advisable to go elsewhere to draw the crowds that their huge tent will accommodate. After the performance this evening the tent and paprahernalia of the company will be loaded aboard the Texas-Mexican cars and tomorrow morning they go to Alice to begin a several weeks' engagement.

The play presented last night, "The Interrupted Honeymoon," with a strong cast presenting a play with a striking plot, the company increased its number of friends in Laredo and convinced those who witnessed the comedy-drama that it was one of the best ever presented before the footlights to a Laredo audience. While there was a tinge of pathos throughout the play caused by a conceited and deceptive wife who could not appreciate the good qualities of a loving husband, but allowed the green-eyed monster jealousy to dominate her mind, resulting in an undue estrangement that could not be overcome until she herself realized what a real fool she was acting. The servants, a man and a woman, provided the comedy part and they certainly cut up gyrastics and said things which kept the audience in a roar.

Those who have failed to see the Harrison Tent Theater people during their stay in Laredo have missed a treat, for this company is not one of, but emphatically the best tent theater that ever set up in this city. The members of the cast are excellent ladies and gentlemen and artists of rare acting ability, and the manner in which each of them carry out their histrionic lines is conclusive prof in this respect. Mr. Harrison announced that it was the intention of his company to visit Laredo soon again, but that they would never come here again during the holiday season.

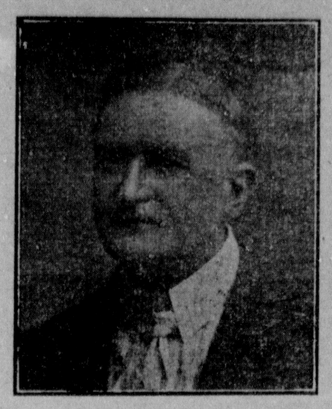
CIVIL DOCKET ON TRIAL.

District Court Disposed of One Case Yesterday and Another Case Was Taken Up This Morning.

In the district court yesterday the case of John T. Rosetti vs. Frank Camille, trespass to try title, was called for trial. The suit involves a part of Porcion No. 14 in this county. Judgment was rendered in favor of the defendant.

This morning the case of T. A. Coleman vs. Ramon et al, a suit for partition, was called and was on trial up to the noon hour.

LAREDO'S SUCCESSFUL CITIZENS



JOHN B. BAKER.

John B. Baker was born at London, England, May 10, 1868, and received his education in Lansing College, from which he graduated and then took a course in Sydnam Military college with the intention of following an army career. Having decided, however, to follow commercial life, he qualified as an expert accountant and entered the service of Lloyd Marine Insurance of England, Limited, and remained with that world-famous concern for many years, resigning to accept a position with Lynch Brothers, Persian merchants. At the age of 26 years, Mr. Baker came to the United States and after some time spent in San Antonio and Laredo, accepted employment with the English firm of Pearson & Son and was prominently identified with the tremendous port work construction completed by that firm at Vera Cruz, Salina Cruz and Coatzacoalcos, Mexico. During his connection with the Pearsons, Mr. Baker occupied several important posts, being connected with their contract department and holding the position of general material superintendent at Minintitlan, Mexico.

Resigining his position with the Pearsons five and a half years ago, Mr. Baker returned to Laredo and entered the abstract business and is at present the proprietor and manager of the Webb County Real Estate & Abstract Company, one of Laredo's most flourishing concerns.

Prominent in social, civic, club and business circles, Mr. Baker enjoys the confidence and respect of the community and is accounted one of Laredo's most energetic business men.

GIFTS FOR LAREDO MILITIA.

Chamber of Commerce Receiving Gifts. Open Wednesday Night From 7 to 9 O'clock.

Citizens of Laredo who intend to send Christmas remembrances to Company I of the Second Texas Infantry encamped at Corpus Christi, which is composed of Laredo boys, should bring their presents without delay to the Laredo Chamber of Commerce, as the box should be sent from here not later than Thursday.

Gifts may be sent to any individual member of the company or to the members of the company generally. Cakes, cigars, tobacco, apples, oranges, candy and games such as chequers, dominoes, cards, etc., may be included or anything that may suggest itself to persons desiring to contribute to the large Christmas box.

In order to accommodate those who can not bring their presents during the day the Laredo Chamber will be open Thursday night from 7 until nine o'clock. The Chamber of Commerce is open through the day from 8 until 12 in the morning and from one in the afternoon until six. The last gifts will be received Thursday night as it will be necessary to send the box to the express office Friday morning in order for the delivery to reach the Camp Saturday.

New Officers for Olive Camp.

At the regular meeting of Olive Camp No. 3170, W. O. W., officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: R. L. Sutton, P. C. C.; E. H. Sanchez, C. C.; S. J. Withoff, Adv. Lieut.; A. F. Joseph, Banker, J. R. Fasnacht, Clerk; M. Castillo, Watchman; L. F. Ochoa; Sentry; Dr. J. T. Halsell, Physician; Sam W. Brown, H. F. Valdez, M. A. Longoria, Managers. The camp is in a flouring condition, having a membership of 135, notwithstanding transfers issued to members having changed their place of residence.

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From Wednesday's Daily.

LAREDO'S SUCCESSFUL CITIZENS



REYES ORTIZ.

Reyes Ortiz, Laredo's assistant postmaster, was born in this city November 13, 1887, and received his education in the public school here and in San Antonio. Mr. Ortiz early in life commenced work with various railroad companies in Mexico and occupied responsible positions in the material department, working at various times in Torreon, C. P. Diaz and Parral. Returning to Laredo in 1905, Mr. Ortiz accepted a position with a bridge contracting concern, later taking the Civil Service examination and entering the service of the United States government in the Postoffice Department.

Since being identified with the local postoffice Mr. Ortiz has filled, during his period of service, every position in every division of the service, having occupied every post from letter carrier to his present responsible position as assistant executive.

Prominent in social, club and business circles, Mr. Ortiz has, by reason of his pleasing personality and uniform courteous treatment of the public as a whole, gained for himself an enviable reputation for efficiency and has made for himself a wide circle of friends.

Laredo is proud of Mr. Ortiz as one of its young business men of sterling worth.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

DECEMBER 20.

1768—The American Philosophical Society founded in Philadelphia.

1793—The first ambassador from Turkey to England arrived in London.

1795—The remains of Christopher Columbus removed from San Domingo to Cuba.

1803—Death of Samuel Hopkins, eminent New England churchman and abolitionist.

1849—William Miller, founder of the sect of the Millerites, which counted at one time 40,000 adherents, died at Hampton, N. Y., aged 68.

1860—South Carolina seceded from the Union.

1894—War declared ended between China and Japan.

1900—Nine appraisers arrested in Havana for defrauding the Government.

1902—President Roosevelt requested to arbitrate between Venezuela and European powers—England and Germany—blockading her ports.

1902—Signor Marconi sent wireless messages from Cape Breton, Canada, to the Kings of England and Italy, the communications being received at Cornwall, on the English coast.

1903—Frederick R. Coudert, famous New York lawyer, died in metropolis.

1907—Central American treaty of peace and amity with United States signed.

1914—Peace Sunday in churches of Great Britain, United States and Canada to commemorate cetnury of peace between Great Britain and the United States.

1914—THE WAR:
Military class of 1916, consisting of 350,000 boys of 18, called for service in France.

1915—THE WAR:
After sanguinary struggle, French capture important position on summit of Hartsmann-Weilerkopf in the Vosges Mountains.

Lingering Coughs Are Dangerous

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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Wednesday.

Sewing Circle of the Junior League of the Methodist Church in the club rooms at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. John Tucker Halsell will entertain the Gilbreath-Brown bridal party with a supper at the Hotel Hamilton at eight o'clock in the evening.

Thursday.

Gilbreath - Brown wedding, which will take place at half after six o'clock at the First Methodist church.

A Hurry Call.

Wish dat Mister Christmas
De chillun lovin' so
Would come an' let me help him
Shake his overcoat of snow.
De chillun—dey ain't seen him,
Dey say, "Since long ago!"

Dey say he better hurry,
Kaze it's gittin' mighty col',
An' dey 'fraid dat ole Br'er Blizzard
Will freeze him ter he soul
Befo' he brings de toys—
Des all dey arms kin hol'!

—Frank L. Stanton.

General Mention.

Miss Rowena Loftus, who is attending school in this city will leave Saturday for Dolores to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Loftus.

Cadet L. W. Loftus will arrive in Laredo Saturday from the A. & M. College and go to Dolores to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Loftus. He will be accompanied by a college "chum" who will spend the holidays as his guest.

Major Cole of the New Hampshire National Guard, stationed at Minera, spent the day in the city yesterday.

Misses Margaret and Kathryn MacGregor will arrive from San Antonio the latter part of the week to spend the ohlidays with their parents.

Major Davidson left yesterday to join Mrs. Davidson at Belton, Texas, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Davidson's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kenedy will arrive the latter part of the week to be the guests of their mother, Mrs. C. B. Kenedy, for the holidays.

Mrs. Lucinda Vidaurri of San Antonio, arrived in the city this morning to spend the holidays and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Eduardo Cruz. She was accompanied by Miss Irene Cruz, who came home from college to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Ryan and daughter, Miss Evelyn, returned last night from a few days visit to Pearsall and vicinity. They made the trip in their automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Luis F. Ochoa left on the noon train today for San Antonio, and from there they go to Ciudad Porfirio Diaz to visit Mrs. Ochoa's mother, who recently arrived from Mexico City and is a guest of her other daughter, Mrs. Antonio Delgado. A family reunion will be held in Ciudad Porfirio Diaz.

Announcements.

Dr. and Mrs. John Tucker Halsell will compliment Miss Edna Brown and her bridal party with a dinner-dance at the Hotel Hamilton at eight o'clock this evening.

The Christmas celebration of the Presbyterian church will be on Friday evening. A children's cantata will begin at 7:30, after which the Christmas tree will form the center of attraction.

Club Notes.

The Christ Church Junior Auxiliary held its regular weekly meeting at the Rectory yesterday afternoon with Mrs. Cook. The little folks sewed very busily for a while, and completed a number of Christmas stockings, these were then filled with nuts, candies and fruit, and topped with a little Christmas gift. Those present were: Anna May Mussett, Emilie Halsell, Minerva G'Sell, Mary Cook, Anita Laue, Ralph Cook, Bayless Gullette, George Kehl, Hunter Randolph, Elizabeth and Charline Nye, Evelyn Randolph, Josephine Lee, Ann MacKinney, Evan and Jack Younkin, and Mildred Nickums.

Entertainments.

The officers and ladies of Fort McIntosh entertained last evening at the Ninth Infantry Club with a delightful informal dance. The Ninth Infantry Band furnished the music, and a refreshment course was also served during the evening. Among those present were Colonel and Mrs. Durfee, Major and Mrs. Read, Major and Mrs Hill, Captain and Mrs Sirmyer, Captain and Mrs. Loeb, Misses Lucille and Ruth Murphy, Courtney Crutchfield, Louise Muller, Edna Brown, Nell Story, Bettie Linn MacMeans, Bess Dennis, Alice and Olive Gray, Lillian Westbrook, Myrtle Mackin, Clarisse Ryan; Majors Crosby, Rockanback, Switzer, Nugent, Captain Meador, J. R. Lobdell, Percy Winch, Percy Boothe, Lieutenants Hemphill, Dwan, Garrison, Odell, Herr, Hobson, Gill, Bliss and Gilbreath.

Supper Party.

Lieutenants Herr, Hemphill and Dwan were hosts to a charmingly informal supper party following the dance at the Ninth Infantry Club last evening, honoring the Gilbreath-Brown bridal party, at the Bachelors' quarters. The rooms were most attractively arranged for the occasion, and a Mexican string band added to the pleasure of the entertainment. Major and Mrs. Hill were the chaperones, and the personnel included: Misses Edna Brown, Nell Story, Bettie Linn McMeans, Besse Denning, Louise Muller, Alice and Olive Gray, Lillian Westbrook, Myrtle Mackin; Mr. Percy Winch, Majors Crosby, Switzer and Rockanback, Lieutenants Gill, Hobson and Garrison and the hosts.

FIFTEENTH BIRTHDAY OF PRINCE GEORGE.

London, De. 20.—Prince George, the fourth son of their Majesties, entered upon his fifteenth year today. Following in the footsteps of his father, the Prince will be trained for a naval career. Already he has been passed by the admiralty as a candidate for the Royal Naval College. During his two years' training at that institution he will fare in exactly the same way as other cadets, with the same hours of study, the same food and accomodation, and, like the other boys, with one shilling as pocket money and no tuck shop account allowed.

EMPEROR CHARLES AND SON



Charles I, the new emperor of Austria-Hungary, and his little son, Archduke Francis Joseph Otto, who is nearly two years old.

Wonderful Flash.

The wonderful freaks and pranks of lightning were being described minutely in the smoking room of the Chicago Athletic club.

A broker described the most remarkable freak of all—namely, the entry of a flash of forked lightning into a nursery, where it burned all the hair off a baby's head without hurting the child in the least.

George Ade coughed.

"A remarkable freak of lightning down Brook way," he said, "was called to my attention yesterday. It seems a flash of blue forked lightning snaked its way into a Brook barber shop, gave a customer a hair singe and then rang up the proper amount on the cash register."

Went With the Ticket.

A colored auntie was taking her first ride on a fast train, when it jumped the track and plunged headlong into the ditch. After the crash "auntie" picked herself up and began munching a chicken wing she had brought along for sustenance. The conductor hurried up to ascertain the damage.

"Were you hurt in the smashup?" he asked, excitedly.

"Law, no!" she replied, in astonishment. "Wuz there a smashup? I fo't dese yere combustifications went right along wif de ticket."—Argonaut.

TIMES WANT ADS.

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PERSONALS

George Villareal arrived here yesterday from the City of Mexico to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Amada Villareal.

Frank T. Higgins of Sulphur, La., arrived in the city yesterday to join his wife and children, who are spending the holidays with Judge and Mrs. Hal W. Greer.

R. G. Blosman of Corpus Christi arrived in the city yesterday to spend the holidays with his daughter, Mrs. C. C. Biggio.

Jesus Mendiola of Oklahoma City, arrived here yesterday to spend the holidays with relatives. Mr. Mendiola is a Laredo boy and worked for The Times a number of years. He is now cattle inspector for the Wilson & Company Packing House of Oklahoma City, with which institution he has been for the past three years. His many friends at home are glad to see him and also that he has done so well since leaving home.

BENDER:—Mrs. Morgan G. Williams, Mexico City; R. Reuter, San Antonio; Mrs. R. Bliss Mealy, Mexico City; Charles F. Eckert, Geo. D. Gray, Corpus Christi; C. W. Wafford, Chas. M. Brossean, San Antonio; C. L. Corbett, Salt Lake City; W. A. Brand, El Paso; M. Blair, C. B. Lackmore, E. D. DuBose, D. Arras L. Jarranvills, Mrs. A. R. Griffin, A. C. Lundorff, San Antonio; Edward L. Ayres, Monterey.

TO PROMOTE FRIENDLY RELATIONS.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—The Southern Society of Washington, which in late years has attained a foremost place among the social organizations of the national capital, has arranged an ambitious program for the present social season with the announced purpose of promoting friendly relations between the people of all sections of this country and with other countries of the western hemisphere. The first in the series of entertainments will be a reception and ball to be given tomorrow night at the Pan-American building in honor of the diplomatic representatives of the South and Central American republics. The President and Mrs. Wilson are among those who have acepted invitations to attend the ball.

BISHOP FOLEY'S JUBILEE.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 20.—The sixtieth anniversary of Bishop John S. Foley as a priest was celebrated in the Cathedral here today with pontifical high mass. In addition a public reception was held, at which testimonials were presented by the priesthood, the laity and others. A congratulatory mesage with the papal blessing, came from Pope Benedict to the bishop, his clergy and people.

Bishop Foley was born in Baltimore eighty-three years ago last month. His education was begun in St. Mary's college, in his native city, in charge of the Sulpician fathers. He was only 16 years old when he graduated from the college with the degree of bachelor of arts. In three years more he was prepared for the minor orders, which were administered by Archbishop Kenrick.

He was too young for priestly ordination, so Archbishop Kenrick sent him to Rome for further studies. Two years later, in the Church of St. John Lateran, he was ordained to the priesthood. After his return to this ountry he became rector of a church in Baltimore and remained in that city until his selection as bishop of Detroit in 1888.

MILITARY WEDDING AT WEST POINT.

West Point, N. Y., Dec. 20.—The chapel of the United States Military Academy was the scene of a brilliant military wedding this afternoon when Miss Vera Mae Kreger, daughter of Col. E. A. Kreger, who is professor of law at the academy, became the bride of Lieut. J. Huntington Hills, U. S. A., son of Mrs. Glade and Captain Herman Glade, U. S. A.

Notice to Hunters.

Our pastures have just been stocked with new cattle and we positively cannot allow any hunting in them this season. Persons found in any of our pastures will be classed as trespassers and prosecuted in accordance with law.

I. C. JENNINGS & SONS.
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Evidently the theatrical promoters are finding the field of athletics a profitable one for their managerial activities. Among the well known show kings who have entered the sport arena are Johnny White, the New York vaudeville and boxing manager; Harry Frazee, the new owner of the Boston Red Sox, and Harry Sherman, who controls the boxing game in St. Paul and Minneapolis.

GERMAN SOLDIERS APPEAR TO HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF EMPEROR'S PEACE PROPOSAL

Out of Group of German Prisoners Captured by British Only One Non-Commissioned Officer Knew of the Matter, and it is Believed No News of Peace Permitted to Reach the German Troops.

By Associated Press.

With the British Army in France, Dec. 20.—Out of a group of German prisoners taken on one section of the front Sunday, only a non-commissioned officer had heard of the German emperor's peace proposal. This and the absence of demonstrations in any part of the German trenches cause many to believe that no news of peace has ben permitted to reach the troops.

Permitted to Leave.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Two hundred Americans detained in Syria and Palestine by the Turkish military authorities have been granted permission to leave via Beirut on condition that they intern there for a month to make valueless any military information they may have.

Teutons Fled in Disorder.

Petragrad, Dec. 20.—Russian troops operating in the region of the river Bystritza in Galicia broke through barbed wire entanglements before Austro-German advanced outposts yesterday and penetrated into Bohoredczany-Stare, southwest of Stanislau, according to the official statement. The Teutons are said to have fled in disorder, leaving some prisoners in the hands of the Russians.

British Steamer Sunk.

Brest, France, Dec. 20.—A British steamship has been sunk by a submarine. The captain and the first engineer were taken prisoners. The remainder of the crew were rescued.

Heavy Artillery Fighting.

Paris, Dec. 20.—Heavy artillery fighting continues on the Verdun front, the war office says. There were spirited engagements last night in the vicinity of Louvemont and Chambrettes.

Russian Attacks Unsuccessful.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—Several Russian attacks yesterday along the Rumanian front were unsuccessful, the war office says.

Only Patrol Fighting.

Paris, Dec. 20.—There is only patrol fighting on the Macedonian front where rain and fog continues, according to the French official statement.

VILLISTA LEADER REPORTED KILLED

HOME GUARDS MORE ACTIVE THAN THE REGULARS IN MEXICO ACCORDING TO REPORTS.

By Associated Press.

Juarez, Mex., Dec. 20.—Bandelio Uribe, a Villista follower, and 17 of his band were executed by "home guards" and many Villistas were killed in a battle southwest of Chihuahua, it is reported here.

More Troops to Ajo, Arizona.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 20.—Gen. Funston today ordered Colonel Wilson, commanding troops in the Yuma district, to send sufficient troops to Ajo, Arizona, to protect the place against threatened Mexican trouble. The attitude of the Mexicans across the border has caused uneasiness.

FIRE COST $200,000.

By Associated Press.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 20.—Fire this morning destroyed the contents of the Parisian women's wear store with a loss of $200,000.

BANDITS GOT $20,000.

By Associated Press.

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 20.—Bandits early this morning entered the Oklahoma National Bank at Skiatook, blew the safe and escaped with $20,000 after cutting the telephone wires. The robbery was discovered several hours later.

MEMORIAL TO CURTIS GUILD.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 20.—An ornamental stairway erected at the Beacon Street end of Boston Common as a memorial to the late Curtis Guild, one-time governor of Massachusetts and afterward the United States ambassador to Russia, was unveiled today with a program of interesting ceremonies. Herbert Parker, former attorney general of Massachusetts, delivered the oration of the day and among the other distinguished participants in the exercises were Governor McCall, Mayor Curley and M. George Bakmeteff, the Russian ambassador at Washington.

BIG LOAN SOUGHT TO HELP JEWS.

New York, Dec. 20.—Details of a plan to provide a gigantic loan, described as "one of the largest in the history of the world, without interest," to place the Jews of Europe definitely beyond the reach of suffering after the war, are to be revealed at a mass meeting to be held in Carnegie Hall tomorrow night: The proposed loan is to be distinct from the fund of $10,000,0000 now being raised for immediate succor of starving Jews in Europe.

Louis Marshall will preside at the Carnegie Hall meeting, which will be addressed by Dr. Judah L. Magnes, who returned recently from European war zones, where he worked on behalf of Jewish relief. Among theh other prominent Jews actively interested in the movement are Dr. Cyrus Adler, Jacob H. Schiff, Oscar S. Straus, Nathan Straus, Felix M. Warburg, and Representative Meyer London.

APPOINTED DESK SERGEANT.

Former Office Deputy Sheriff Under Ex-Sheriff Sanchez Now at Desk at Police Headquarters.

A. R. Garcia, for a number of years office deputy sheriff under ex-Sheriff Amador Sanchez, has been appointed desk sergeant at police headquarters by Mayor McComb, and last night the appointment was confirmed by the city council at its regular meeting.

As a deputy sheriff Mr. Garcia attained experience that will be invaluable to him in his present position and he should fill the place with entire satisfaction to all concerned.

EIGHTY ENTOMBED IN ALABAMA MINE

GAS EXPLOSION CAUSED CAVE-IN AND MINERS ARE AWAITING EFFORTS OF THE RESCUE GANGS.

By Associated Press.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 20.—Eighty men were entombed in the Elgewater mines of the Tennessee Coal Company near here as the result of an explosion believed to have been caused by gas this morning.

All were rescued uninjured except a slate picker killed and a negro seriously burned.

PHYSICIAN SEEKS PARDON.

Augusta, Me., Dec. 20.—The Governor and council today gave a hearing on a petition for the pardon of Dr. Lionel E. Dudley, who is serving a fifteen-year sentence in State prison. Dr. Dudley was convicted two years ago of causing the death of Mildred Sullivan, of the town of Houlton.

Notice to Hunters.

We hereby give notice that we positively forbid hunting on any land owned or controlled by either or both of us. This embraces W. P. May's ranch and the S. N. Johnson back pasture, which is leased by us. We have these pastures stocked and cannot afford to permit trespassing. So, please keep out and save us the necessity of resorting to the law, which we shall dislike, but will have to do.

W. P. MAY,
W. A. CRAIG.
10-28-tf.

COLDEST WEATHER EXPECTED TONIGHT

KANSAS AND MISSOURI HAD ZERO WEATHER LAST NIGHT AND COLD IS WORKING SOUTH.

By Associated Press.

Dallas, Texas, Dec 20.—The coldest weather of the winter is due in Dallas and other sections of the state tonight, according to weather bureau oficials here. It is expected to be 16 degrees above zero here. Frost is predicted for Gulf points, with a temperature ranging from 26 to 34 degrees.

Coldest of Winter.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 20.—The Southwest, excepting Texas and Arkansas, experienced the coldest of the winter last night, zero being general over Kansas and parts of Missouri. The cold is working south.

JUDGE LAMBDIN DIED.

By Associated Press.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 20.—Judge W. W. Lambdin of the United States district court died in his office here today after an hour's illness. Heart trouble was the cause.

COTTON GINNING REPORT

Dec. 20—A fi...

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Cotton ginned prior to December 13 amounted to 10,845,989 running bales, including 183,403 round bales and 110,448 Sea Island bales, the census bureau advises.

DEMOCRATS INCREASING.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 20.—The Democrats polled 66,926 more votes in Texas in November than in 1912, according to the canvassing board's figures. The largest Wilson electoral vote was 216,415. Comal, DeWitt, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Kendall, Lee, Maverick, Washington and Zapata counties voted Republican.

AMBASSADOR WILLARD RETURNS TO POST.

New York, Dec. 20. 20.—Joseph E. Willard, United States ambassador to Spain, who has been in this country for some weeks on leave of absence, is among the passengers booked to sail for Europe today. Mrs. Willard, who returned home with her husband, is accompanying him back to Madrid.

TO HOLD CONFERENCE AT YALE.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 20.—Organizations in more than thirty colleges will be represented at the tenth annual Cosmopolitan Club' convention to be held here next week. This meeting of the "Corda Fratres Association of Cosmopolitan Clubs" will be held under the auspices of the Yale Cosmopolitan Club and will begin its sessions one week from today. The purpose of the convention is an enlargement upon the aim of the separate clubs in colleges and universities in the United States, namely, the promotion of a better understanding between men of different nationalities. Thirty-three colleges and universities, including Harvard, Yale and Princeton, have Cosmopolitan Clubs, which have done much to accomplish this purpose.

HENDERSON MARTIN THE SPEAKER.

Manhattan, Kas., Dec. 20—A large class of young men and women received diplomas today at the graduation exercises at Kansas State Agri...

From Thursday's Daily.

GERMAN DUPLICITY.

The recent letter of Cardinal Mercier of Belgium shows to what extent the German disregard for solemn agreements can reach. The cardinal has protested in vain against the deportation of Belgians, and he calls on the civilized world to protest against this ruthless sacrifice of an entire people to the German desire for making money.

Cardinal Mercier tells of the promises made by the German Governor von Huene and later ratified by Baron von der Goltz to refrain from deportation of the Belgians for any purpose whatsoever, and quotes the answer made by Baron von Bissing to a protest of the cardinal concerning the direct violation of this promise. Said Von Bissing:

"The employment of the Belgian unemployed in Germany, which has only been initiated after two years of war, differs essentially from the captivity of men fit for military service. Morever the measure is not related to the conduct of the war, properly speaking, but it is determined by social and economical causes."

To this Cardinal Mercier replies: "As if the word of an honest man was terminable at the end of a year or two! As if the declaration confirmed in 1914 did not explicitly exclude military operations and forced labor! As if, in fine, every Belgian workman who takes the place of a German workman did not enable the latter to fill a gap in the German army!"

And this is the real reason, there is not the slightest reason to doubt, why Belgians are torn from their homes at the point of the bayonet to serve in a country which is at war with their own, and to make a profit for an avowed enemy.

The cardinal's description of the deportation methods is that of an eye-witness, and of one who has devoted his life to the pursuit of the truth. It therefore may be accepted as a true picture, and one not exaggerated by partisan feeling. He says:

"Groups of soldiers introduced themselves forcibly into the homes of the people, tearing the young people out of the arms of their parents, the husband from his wife, the father from his children; at the point of the bayonet they block the entrances to the homes, preventing wives and mothers from rushing out to say a last farewell to them; they align the captives in groups of forty or fifty and push them forcibly into freight cars, the locomotive is under pressure, and as soon as a trainload is ready, an officer gives the signal and they depart. Thus another thousand Belgians reduced to slavery, without previous trial, condemned to the penalty which comes next in cruelty to the death penalty—deportation."

And all this that the German factories may continue to work while the German artisans are serving their emperor on the battlefield! That a few more thousands may be added to the toiling ranks of Germany's laborers, the women and children of Belgium must suffer the pangs of separation from their breadwinners, whom the people of America are asked to aid though the bitter winter months!

Germany has been accused of many acts of cruelty and inhumanity. The hundreds of people who have been sent to watery graves in order that the German navy might wreak its spite on defenseless merchant vessels rather than risk attacking war vessels have not cried out in vain. But this latest act of inhumanity stamps the German government as one of the most barbarous that ever existed. And in years to come when all civilized people will refuse to recognize the German nation as their equal in civilization and humanity, the act which will most indelibly stamp "barbarian" on the forehead of the German people will be the act of deporting the inoffensive Belgian workmen to German soil, leaving their wives, their mothers and their children to starve.

Caesar enslaved whole nations, but he never separated the families, or the members of a family. Nero slaughtered thousands, but he made a point of including the entire family as his victims.

A GLOOMY CHRISTMAS.

For the third year in succession the nation of Europe are facing a gloomy Christmas. While the people of the United States are joyously preparing to celebrate the birth of the Saviour, the shivering, starving inhabitants of Europe are wondering what they have to rejoice in. The ruined, smoke-blackened churches, the deserted wayside shrines, the absence of priest and pastor—all are eloquent of the ravages of war.

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Christ," with His message of "Peace on earth, good will to man."

The war is bad enough for those actually engaged in it, but when one thinks of the sufferings of the innocent victims—the women and children, bereaved of their loved ones—he is apt to wonder if our age is really as civilized as we had believed.

In our own country, peace and happiness, holly and evergreen, the glad greetings of a joyous people, the warmth and comfort of a peaceful fireside, the gifts and the rejoicings that "Unto you is born a Saviour." In Europe, widespread devastation, orphaned children, destitute widows, an empty larder, the cheerless dark of a fireless chimneyplace, the woe and the suffering that follow in the train of war.

The contrast is too great to touch the imagination of most people. One cannot grasp the full significance of the vivid opposites of black and white, without a blending of gray to soften the harshness of outlines. On one side happiness and on the other side the abomination of desolation.

We have done much to relieve the suffering of the neighbors abroad. We have sent food, clothing, doctors, nurses, medicines and appliances for the injured. Yet were we to send all that we have we should be able only in a slight degree to mitigate the sufferings of the unfortunate.

Each year we have sent Christmas ships to the women and children of the various belligerents, the ship this year going to Syria, where help is needed more perhaps than any other place. But the relief is only temporary, and were we to send an equal amount every week until the war ends we should only be partially relieving the distress.

The message of the Man of Galilee should be so brought home to the warring nations that no war should ever again stain the pages of the world's history. Most of the wars have been for avoidable reasons, and none more so than the present. And when this war is ended it should be the duty of all Christian nations to so settle the matter that another war should be impossible, unless it be a war to exterminate the war-makers.

We boast that we are the most advanced, the most enlightened and the most civilized nation of earth today. We should use every endeavor to the end that this may be the last Christmas of this sort for any nation. We owe it to the world to take the attitude of the peacemaker for those who still follow the methods of ancient times, while professing to be Christian.

While actually not a Christian nation, the majority of the people of the United States profess the Christian faith. Embodied in our constitution and our laws is the doctrine of "Peace on earth, good will to man," and we stand for the rights of all, regardless of creed, race or condition.

Our Christmas will be a more worthy one if it sees some action on our part looking to the ending of the present war and the abolition of future wars. We will enjoy our own blessings the more if we have the consciousness of doing what we can to bring the blessings of peace and prosperity to others.

This is the season of gifts, to typify the greatest gift to mankind. What better gift could we offer our neighbors across the ocean than the effort to bring peace within their borders, and to restore the greatest measure of prosperity possible?

Americans who have been detained in Syria by the Turkish military authorities are to be permitted to leave provided they will intern in Beirut for a month in order to render valueless any military information they may possess. But what if an epidemic of plague comes along? Will they be forced to remain?

Another bank robbery in Oklahoma leads one to believe that this industry is rapidly assuming first place in that state. Bank robbers do not last so long in Texas as they do across the line, and perhaps one of the reasons is that the people won't stand for them.

The "home guards" in Mexico are beginning to make a showing, and one of their recent acts is reported in Juarez. A body of the guards is said to have executed Bandelio Uribe, one of Villa's followers, and 17 of his men. More power to them!

Nine counties out of the entire state went Republican in the November election. This is encouraging to the Old Line Guard. Perhaps a hundred years from now they may have another nine counties to crow over.

Sickly children need WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE. It not only destroys worms, if there be any, but it acts as a strengthening tonic in the stomach and bowels. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by all druggists. x

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NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS TODAY.

DECEMBER 21

Adele Ritchie, one of the most popular actresses on the American musical comedy stage, is 42 years old today. Miss Ritchie was born in Philadelphia and educated at the convent of the Sacred Heart of the same city. She made her debut in New York at the age of 19, in the "Isle of Champagne." She soon attained fame, and has been for nearly two decades a notable figure of the American theatrical world. Some of her notable successes, notably in "The Wizard of the Nile," have been scored in collaboration with Frank Daniels, the veteran comedian. Miss Ritchie has also taken leading parts in "Florodora," in "The Girl in the Taxi," and other favorite productions of the American stage.

Last Warning.

Take out your automobile license by the first day of January or pay your fine. You will have no excuse for violating this ordinance.

ROBT. McCOMB,
Mayor.

12-20-10t.

Lingering Coughs Are Dangerous

Get rid of that tickling cough that keeps you awake at night and drains your vitality and energy. Dr. King's New Discovery is a pleasant balsam remedy, antiseptic, laxative and promptly effective. It soothes the irritated membrane and kills the cold germs; your cough is soon relieved. Delay is dangerous—get Dr. King's New Discovery at once. For nearly fifty years it has been the favorite remedy for grippe, croup, coughs and colds. Get a bottle today at your Druggists, 50c. *

WOMAN CLINGING TO LIFE.

But Helen Silsbee, Who Was Shot Yesterday Morning, Still Unconscious, is Still Alive.

Reports from Mercy Hospital indicate that there have been no changes in the condition of Helen Silsbee, the woman who was accidentally shot in the head by Jack Sheffield early yesterday morning.

The attending physician holds little hopes of recovery for the patient, as she is still in an unconscious state and practically at the same point where she was when removed to the hospital about 1 o'clock yesterday morning.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

DECEMBER 21

1620—Landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth, their total number being 101, of whom 50 died during the winter.

1719—First number of the Boston Gazette issued by William Brooker.

1804—Benjamin Disraeli, Earl Beaconsfield, first Hebrew ever to become Prime Minister of England, born; died April 19, 1881.

1807—Danish Islands of St. Thomas and St. Johns, in the West Indies, surrendered to the British.

1848—Asiatic cholera broke out with great violence among the United States troops at Port La Vaca, Texas.

1854—Armed collisions in Eastern Kansas over slavery question.

1870—Prussians captured Tours, France, in Franco-Prussian War.

1899—Cuban Junta in United States dissolved.

1900—Li Hung Chang appointed viceroy of Canton.

1901—Von Blumenthal, last of victorious German generals who fought in Franco-Prussian War, died, aged 90.

1905—Cambridge, Mass.,, celebratel its 275th anniversary.

1905—Hugh Watt, former English M. P., sentenced to five years' hard labor for inciting persons to murder his divorced wife.

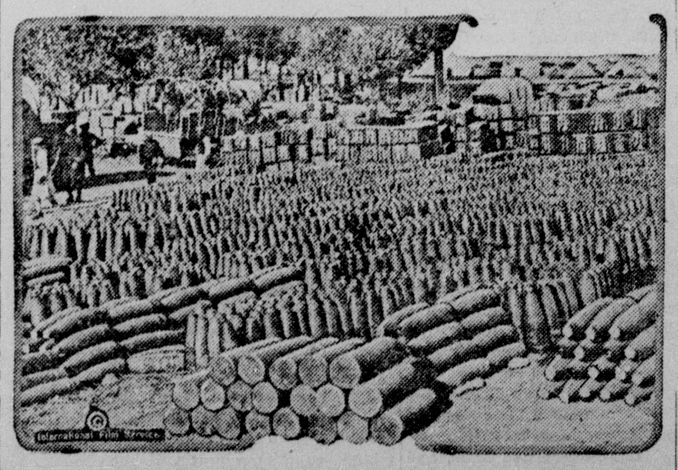
1912—Prince Mircea of Roumania, youngest child of King Ferdinand, born at Bucharest; died at Bucharest Nov. 4, 1916.

1914—THE WAR:
Russians drive back Germans into East Prussia at Mlawa and mass troops before Warsaw.

1915—Gen. Christian De Wet, commander of the Oronge Free State forces in the Boer War and leader of a rebellion against the British early in the present war, released from prison, to which he had been sentenced for high treason. Japanese passenger steamship Yasaki Maru sunk without warning by German submarine in Mediterranean.

Heartburn is a symptom of indigestion. Take a dose of HERBINE in such cases. The pain disappears instantly. The bowels operate speedily and you feel fine, vigorous and cheerful. Price 50c. Sold by all druggists. x

PLENTY OF SHELLS FOR THE SERBIANS



Great quantities of ammunition at Saloniki placed at the disposal of the Serbian troops, who seem to be making good use of it.

PLAN TO ENJOY CHRISTMAS DOWN ON THE TEXAS BORDER

NATIONAL GUARDSMEN TO MAKE BEST OF THINGS AT XMAS.

Many Are Sending Packages of Presents to Loved Ones Back Home, and Many Are Also Receiving.

Quite a number of public and individual Christmas trees are planned for Laredo during Christmas time, these including several trees to be given by employees of stores and hotels on which remembrances from the employers to the employees will be hung up, while the various Sunday schools of the city are planning Christmas tree entertainments to begin as early as Saturday night and running along as late as until the day after Christmas as is customary with some of them

While it is not known that there will be any Christmas trees held by any of the national guard or regular soldier organizations stationed in Laredo, some of them, nevertheless, are planning to attend public Christmas trees held in some of the churches, or as invited guests at some Laredo homes.

And while the boys from New Hampshire, Florida and Missouri are in Laredo for Christmas, they are not forgetting the "old folks at home," or the sweetheart or wife "way back yonder," for their remembrances are evidenced by the fact that the express company, the parcels post and the registered mail are all taxed these days handling packages being dispatched by national guardsmen to their dear ones in their home states.

During this week the number of Christmas packages going out of Laredo has been the heaviest in the history of the express and postoffice departments here. On the other hand, packages galore are arriving by every mail and by express consigned to the national guardsmen here, coming as Christmas presents from the folks back home to their boys down here on the Texas border.

But notwithstanding the fact that they will be away from home and their loved ones this Christmas, the Missouri, New Hampshire and Florida national guardsmen and the regular soldiers are preparing to make the best of everything under the circumstances.

Wheezing in the lungs indicates that phlegm is obstructing the air passages. BALLARD'S HOREHOND SYRUP loosens the phlegm so that it can be coughed up and ejected. Price 25c, 50c and $1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists. x

WERE ORDERED OUT OF MEXICO.

American and English Employes of English Railway Concern Arrive in Laredo From Mazapil, Mexico.

A number of the employes of the Coahuila & Zacatecas Ry. Co., owned by a big English mining concern with headquarters at Mazapil, state of Zacatecas, have arrived in Laredo, being ordered out of Mexico by the general management of the concern.

All these employes are either American or English, and they have been holding responsible positions with the railroad company. Conditions in the Mazapil section at this time are such that it is unsafe to operate the road and the management of the concern, owing to threats made, ordered the men to proceed to the United States border and there await orders. The party of employes have been arriving here the past three days.

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The new model Buick Light Four is now being demonstrated. Do not miss this opportunity to see it, even though you may not be ready to buy at present. Phone 16.

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The Buick Man

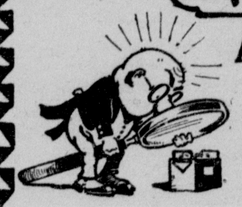
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Arrives from Corpus Christi at 3:55 p. m. Standard time.

International & Great Northern.

Through fast train for St. Louis leaves at 12:15 and arrives at 3:05 p. m.

I. & G. N. Night Train.

Leaves at 8 p. m. and arrives at 7:15 a. m.

Rio Grande & Eagle Pass.

Train No. 1 leaves Laredo daily except Sunday at 8 a. m. Arrives at Minera at 10:30 a. m.

Train No. 2 leaves Minera daily except Sunday at 1:15 p. m. Arrives at Laredo at 3:30 p. m.

Notice to Hunters.

The law forbids and we do also, so you are warned that no hunting will be allowed in the Espejo pastures. This is imperative for we have them fully stocked and will have to prosecute any person found trespassing therein. So please heed this warning and don't compel us to do something that we dislike very much to do.

ALEXANDER & CLIFTON.

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Notice to Hunters.

I have just stocked my pasture with new cattle and on this account I positively will not permit any hunting on my land. Persons caught in my pastures will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law; this I hate to do, but am compelled this season.

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10-30-tf.

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From Friday's Daily.

CHRISTMAS WITH ENGLAND'S KING AND QUEEN.

London, Dec. 22.—To all appearances Londoners have permitted neither the war nor the rumors of peace to interfere with the customary elaborate preparations for the three-day Christmas holiday celebration. All the banks and large establishments in the city will close their doors from Saturday night until Wednesday. Only the smallest of the retail establishments will be open for business Tuesday, which will be Boxing Day, second only to Christmas itself as a day for popular festivities.

Christmas shopping has shown little decrease from former years. All week the streets of the West End and the East End alike have been crowded with holiday buyers. The only difference noted by the business firms is that the shoppers are more inclined to buy useful presents than the ordinary run of Christmas gifts. English-made goods have a virtual monopoly of the counters, although here and there are to be found some new lines imported from the United States and from Japan. The only scarcity is to be found in Christmas trees, which usually are imported from Germany and Scandinavia.

Owing to the press of official business the new Cabinet ministers and other heads of the Government are likely to spend their holidays in town, or if they do go to the country it will be for only the briefest period. The lack of the usual excursion facilities is also expected to keep the masses at home over the holidays.

The royal family, which has been in almost constant residence at Buckingham Palace since the beginning of the war, will go to Sandringham to escape the worries of the conflict during the Yuletide. Christmas is the one day of the year on which his Majesty can escape from the ceremonial and cares of his high position and lapse into the role of English gentleman, entertaining his guests on his own home, without the formality of Court life and the daily round of his kingly duties.

The days that herald Christmas morning have been crowded. The harassing delight of choosing hundreds of presents, all specially selected to give pleasure to their recipients, ranging from royal relatives to grooms and cottagers; the distributing of hundreds of gifts, from joints of beef and coal, to toys and comforters, to the tenants on his various estates, are over, and he is at last free for one day to rest and enjoy himself as he pleases in the privacy of his family circle and the company of a few intimate friends.

The Queen herself superintends the decorations with holly and mistletoe, malmaisons and chrysanthemums, of church and hall of Sandringham, and everywhere there is the atmosphere of Christmas rejoicing.

On Christmas morning the first event of the day in the royal household is, of course, the examination of the presents—handsomely-bound volumes, jewelry, art pottery, art needlework, wood-carving, silk dresses, and so on through the seductive array, spread out on tables for inspection.

Breakfast is followed by church, the King and his gentlemen visitors walking, the Queen and Princesses and ladies either accompanying them on foot or, if the weather is unsuitable, driving to the village church. Here their Majesties join reverently in the simple service with their family, their guests a. household, a few villagers and some of the children from the neighboring schools. The only formality observed is that the congregation arise on the entrance and departure of the royal party.

Mid-day is usually passed by the King and his guests in a ramble or motor ride, a visit to the kennels and stables, or a game in the bowling alley or on the tennis court.

After tea comes the crown of the day for the young people—the display of the great Christmas tree in the ballroom. At a quarter to nine their Majesties and guests file in procession into the magnificent dining-saloon, and take their seats at a number of small oval tables for the crowning feast of the day, served by footmen in all the glory of scarlet and gold, and white satin breeches.

The dinner, with its flow of wit, its merry conservation and laughter, ended, the feasters adjourn to spend the evening in a round of pleasure. This may include, a dance, a theatrical entertainment, or a concert, and it never ends without a few old-fashioned games—a game of blind man's buff is by no means unknown—in which their Majesties forget for a while the splendors and burden of their crowns, and for a few delightful hours are children again, with all a child's zest for frolic.

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SOCIETY

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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Friday.

Dance at Elks Hall in the evening.

Time to Count the Blessings.

I.

It's time to count the blessings that hang around the place,
When gladness leaves the highways and meets us face to face—
When through the gates of glory the raptures find the way
With songs of love and laughter to make a holiday!

It's time to count the blessings,
It's time with thanks to say,
"The old world is a good world
That dines with me today!"

II.

It's time to count the blessings that walk along the way
To conquer all the sorrows and make a holiday—
It's time to chase the troubles clear off the happy place
And run to meet the morning with gladness face to face!

It's time to count the blessings,
It's time with thanks to say,
"The old world is a good world
That dines with me today!"

—Frenchman in Oklahoma.

General Mention.

Mrs. Stubbs and little daughter, Gladys, left for Austin, after being the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brown.

Miss Bettie Linn MacMeans left last night for San Marcos after a short stay in Laredo, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brown.

Miss Nell Story left last night for San Marcos, after being the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brown.

Miss Christine Hill will be one of the Christmas visitors in the city.

John Seymour of El Paso arrived yesterday to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. J. C. Seymour.

Miss Mary Louise Cone will spend the holidays in Laredo with her parents.

Miss Margaret Lutz will spend the Christmas holidays in San Antonio with her mother.

James Moore arrived yesterday from San Marcos, to spend the holidays with his parents.

Mr. Leon Hanchett will go to Tyler for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. A. S. J. Tucker of San Antonio arrived Wednesday afternoon, to be the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sames, for the holidays. Lieutenant Tucker will arrive Sunday.

Mr. Kirk Hall of Dallas, father of Dr. H. C. Hall, left last night for his home, after a several days' visit to Laredo and vicinity. Mr. Hall enjoyed a deer hunt while here.

Mrs. M. A. Hirsch has returned from an extended stay in New York.

Mrs. Smith, wife of Captain Smith of the Second Missouri, left Wednesday for Florida, to spend the winter with her mother.

Mrs. Loring will leave tomorrow to spend the holidays in Corpus Christi.

Tom and Will Austin will arrive today to spend the Christmas holidays.

Blaine Parkin after spending a short time here visiting old friends will leave this evening for his home in Indianapolis, Ind.

Announcements.

There will be no meeting of the Childrens' Choral Club this Saturday, but Mrs. Loring will resume her work the Saturday before New Year.

There will be a Christmas tree and entertainment at the Baptist church on tomorrow (Saturday) evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Dinner.

Colonel and Mrs. Alonzo Gray entertained with a charmingly appointed dinner on Wednesday evening at their quarters in Fort McIntosh. White carnations and ferns formed the centerpiece and green-shaded tapers in crystal candlesticks were placed around the centerpiece. An eight-course dinner was served and covers were laid for: Major and Mrs. J. Phalen, Captain and Mrs. Sirmyer, Captain and Mrs. Ryan, Mesdames Zane and Hollingsworth, Majors Switzer and Rockenback and the host and hostess.

Baptism.

Margaret Emily, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Martin, was baptized yesterday at St. Peter's Church, the Rev. Father McLoy officiating. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Martin were god-parents.

Smith-Hopkins.

Asher R. Smith and Miss Carolyn Bunch Hopkins, daughter of Mrs. C. A. Hopkins, wore married yesterday afternoon at four o'clock at St. Matthew's Cathedral, the Reverend Harry T. Moore reading the rites of the double ring ceremony. Pure white was characterized in the bridal decorations of the altar. The Easter lillies and Turner white chrysanthemums filled the vases that stood before the burning white tapers. Mrs. Clarence Penniman sang "O Perfect Love" to the accompaniment played by David E. Grove, who also played the processional from Lohengrin and the Mendelssohn recessional. Miss Gladys Scalding of Fort Worth attended the bride as maid of honor. The bride was attired in a tailored suit of electric, wearing a hat of black panne velvet, adorned with gold. She carried bride's roses. Miss Scalding wore a frock of steel gray and hat of silver. Her arm bouquet was of pink Killarney roses. Mr. and Mrs. Smith left immediately for New York for a month's visit after which they will be at home in Laredo, Taxas. Both Miss Hopkins and Mr. Smith are graduates of the State University, Miss Hopkins being a member of the 1916 class and Mr. Smith receiving the law degree in 1911. Mr. Smith is general attorney for the Mexican National Railway.

Gilbreath-Brown.

A wedding of much interest throughout the State as well as in army circles took place last evening at half after six o'clock at the First Methodist Church when Edna Mary, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam W. Brown, was married to Lieutenant Frederick Gilbreath, the Reverend Walter L. Barr reading the impressive lines. One seemed to breathe the very spirit of Christmas in the color scheme and decoration of the church. Overhead, garlands of evergreen formed a perfect canopy and garland of evergreen and holly glowing with poinsettias were laid on the wainscot rail. The windows held great branches of holly gay with red berries, and the rostrum railing was banked with pine; a screen of holly branches and pine concealed the orchestra. The rostrum was a perfect bower of stately palms and trailing ferns and the entrances to the choir stall were marked by graceful arches covered with pine. Holly wreaths were hung on each pew and white satin ribbons were used to mark the pews for the family and intimate friends. A beautiful feature of the wedding was that it was the wedding anniversary of the bride's parents. After the assembling of a large number of friends who witnessed the ceremony the Ninth Infantry orchestra played Nevin's "Love Song," after which Mr. Clarke in his clear baritone voice gave "For You Alone" by Grecht, accompanied by Mrs. T. A. Austin on the piano, at the conclusion of which the Ninth Infantry orchestra rendered Lohengrin's "Bridal Chorus" to which the bridal party entered the church, taking their places at the foot of the rostrum. The maids walking up the left aisle and the groomsmen up the right, entered in the following order: Miss Theodora Gullette and Prinz Buttron; Miss Nell Story with Lieutenant Hemphill; Miss Lillian Westbrook and Lieutenant Herr; Miss Bess Denning and Percy Winch, they were followed by the maid of honor, Miss Bertie Lynn McMeans walking alone, then came the matron of honor, Mrs. John Tucker Halsell. Scattering rose petals in the path of the bride as she went was the little flower girl, Miss Gladys Stubbs, a cousin of the bride. The bride entered with her father and was met at the chancel rail by the groom and his best man, Lieutenant Dwan. The bride's father gave her in marriage. During the ceremony, "Thou Art Like Unto a Flower" by Rubenstein was softly played on the violin by Señor Rosendo Caballero, accompanied by Mrs. T. A. Austin. Mendelssohn's wedding march was played by the orchestra as a recessional. The lovely bride wore a gown of white Duchesse satin with an overdress of white Georgette crepe, of exceptional beauty and design. The bodice of hand-embroidered lace which was caught in front with handsome pearl ornaments hung straight in the back and was completed with a softly rolling collar and long sleeves, both edged with tiny pearls. The skirt was elaborately embroidered in tiny pearls in rose designs and at the sides was caught to the foundation with loops of pearls caught by sprays of hand-made satin roses with pearl centers. The tulle veil was arranged with a simple wreath of orange blossoms and fell to the ends of the long court train. White kid slippers embroidered in mother of pearl sequins were worn. She carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses, valley lillies and fern tied with embroidered tulle; the shower of tiny begonia blossoms and maidenhair falling to the hem completed this attractive bridal attire. Her only ornament was a pendant of platinum and diamonds, her gift from the bridesgroom. The matron of honor wore a handsome gown of silver satin draped over the hips in soft folds which fell in points on either side and showed the silver lace petticoat in front and back. The satin was carried in a ruffle under the narrow silver ribbon belt combined with silver lace to make the bodice. The maid of honor was in silver lace with a cloudy white tulle overskirt edged in narrow silver ribbon; the bodice was fashioned of silver metal cloth filled in with silver lace and caught on the shoulders with narrow silver ribbon; the sleeves of dainty tulle ruffles were worn slipped from the shoulder. The bridesmaids wore charming frocks of silver lace made with a succession of flounces over a foundation of silver cloth. The low cut bodices which were cut the same in front and back were of heavy silver embroidery filled in with silver embroidered tulle. They all wore silver lace and tulle picture hats and silver slippers and carried great clusters of scarlet carnations and ferns tied with wide silver tissue ribbon. The dainty little flower girl was a picture of much beauty in her airy tulle and silver lace frock; the quaint bodice was made with tiny puff sleeves and was slipped off of the shoulders, a fluffy bow of tulle at the high waist in back and a little poke bonnet, white slippers and hose completed a perfect costume. She carried a white wicker basket full of rose leaves, the tall handle bearing a spray of white rose buds.

Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party and a few friends were entertained with a reception in the home of the bride's parents on Convent Avenue. The Ninth Infantry orchestra played softly throughout the reception. The living room was in pink carnations and window boxes filled with bracken fern, and was lighted with green tapers placed in brass candlesticks. In here the soft green walls and draperies lent a harmonizing touch. On entering the hall brilliant scarlet poinsettias were everywhere to be seen, studding the soft drapery of Spanish moss on the stairway, in brass jardinieres and on the moss-covered trellis under which the punch table was placed. The punch bowl was encircled with a wreath of holly and mistletoe and a wonderful seven-branched brass candlestick held glowing red tapers and was placed on the table. A bunch of dark red grapes frozen in the block of ice in the punch bowl further carried out the color note. Boxes of bracken fern were used in the dining room. A delicate Mexican lace runner was surmounted by the exquisite wedding cake in the form of a heart, iced in snowy white and embossed with a basket of delicately-shaded valley lillies in combination with the delicate green of the natural leaves. Around the top were tiny triangles each embossed with a spray of the chosen flower. On the sides were sprays of the leaves and blossoms. Around the cake were billows of delicate green and white tulle in the folds of which were dainty sprays of white hyacinths. In the curve of the heart was placed a beautiful tall silver vase filled with hyacinths and fern. Long tendrils of smilax fell to the ends of the table and sprays of feathery fern encircled the centerpiece. Green colonial tapers in crystal candlesticks were placed at the four corners of the table and these with the smilax garlanded a dome over the table and shed a glow over the happy faces as they gathered around to cut the wedding cake. Miss Theodora Gullette cut the thimble, Miss Alice Denike the dime, Miss Myrtle Mackin the ring. A buffet supper was served. Miss Nell Storey caught the bride's bouquet, which was thrown as she ascended the stairway. Little Misses Gladys Stubbs in rose pink net and Emilie Halsell in white lace and blue taffeta laced bodice were in charge of the bride's book.

Later in the evening Lieutenant and Mrs. Gilbreath left for a trip in the East, stopping in Washington and New York. Mrs. Gilbreath wore a traveling suit of dark blue velours with seal collar and cuffs, with muff to match. With this was worn a blouse of grey Georgette crepe trimmed with touches of blue, high grey boots, and a modish hat of velvet trimmed with grey goura feathers. Mrs. Brown, the bride's mother, was handsome in black net trimmed with bands of sequins.

Notice to Hunters.

Our pastures have just been stocked with new cattle and we positively cannot allow any hunting in them this season. Persons found in any of our pastures will be classed as trespassers and prosecuted in accordance with law.

I. C. JENNINGS & SONS.
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UNITED STATES AS CLEARING HOUSE FOR VIEWS AND TERMS OF THE BELLIGERENTS

Despatch from Hague Says that Should Ententes Leave Door Open for Negotiations Germany will Make Known Her Chief Terms of Peace Immediately—Great Britain is Withholding Comment.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 22.—There is a growing feeling that the United States hopes to become a clearing house for the views and possibly for the terms of the belligerents. Several diplomats have advised their governments to that effect in order to guide them in their replies.

Won't Consider It.

London, Dec. 22.—The British government will not make a statement concerning the Wilson note now, considering it a question that can be dealt with only in communication with other members of the Entente, Andrew Bonar-Law said in the house of commons today.

Caused Much Astonishment.

London, Dec. 22.—President Wilson's note was given the place of honor in the newspapers and headlines, "Wilson's Strange Peace Essay," and "Amazing Note," indicate in slight measure the astonishment caused. Much speculation was indulged in as to the move or causes which caused the president to send such a note after his assumption that he would not mediate unless invited by both groups of belligerents.

Germany Is Prepared.

London, Dec. 22.—A despatch from The Hague says it is semi-officially announced that should the Entente allies in reply to the peace proposals of the Central powers leave the door open for negotiations, Germany will make known her chief peace terms immediately.

Note Delivered to Briand.

Paris, Dec. 22.—American Ambassador Sharp last night delivered to Premier Briand Secretary Lansing's note to the belligerents. The text of the note was published in the newspapers.

German Submarine Sunk.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The German submarine U-15 has been sunk by destroyers according to a report here. This submarine recently sank steamers off St. Nazaire.

ATTACKED TORREON AT 4 THIS MORNING

UNCONFIRMED REPORTS TO EL PASO SAID VILLA WAS STILL FIGHTING AT NOON.

By Associated Press.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 22.—Francisco Villa's forces began an attack on Torreon at 4 o'clock this morning, according to unconfirmed reports received here today. The battle was said to be in progress at noon.

Villa Has Gone South.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 22.—Gen. Funston's latest advices from Gen. Pershing indicate that Villa has undertaken a campaign considerably south of Chihuahua City. He is now operating around Jimenez.

IRISH MEMBER DIED.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 22.—James J. O'Kelly, a Nationalist member of the house of commons, died here this morning.

FIVE ARE MISSING.

By Associated Press.

Wichita, Kansas, Dec. 22.—Five persons are missing and several suffering from injuries as a result of a fire last night destroying the main building of the Kansas Masonic Home.

STANDARD OIL ELECTS.

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 22.—A. C. Bedford, vice-president and treasurer, has been selected president of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey to succeed the late John Archbold.

HORIZONTAL TAX.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Representative Garner of Texas plans to introduce a resolution putting a horizontal tax of 10 to 12 per cent on all imports except salt.

DICK WELLS AND BENNY GARCIA

Wallace, Idaho, Dec. 22.—What promises to be one of the best boxing shows pulled off in this section in a long time is to take place here tomorrow night under the auspices of one of the local clubs. A fifteen-round contest between Dick Wells and Benny Garcia is to furnish the main event of the evening's entertainment.

GERRY PLANS XMAS FEAST FOR POOR TOTS.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 22.—Peter Goelet Gerry, United States senator-elect from Rhode Island, has completed arrangements for his fourth annual Christmas dinners and entertainment for the poor children of Providence. The dinner will be served Christmas morning in the largest hall in Providence. There will be seats at the tables for more than one thousand, children, and it is certain that the full number will be present. There will be everything there for which a youngster could wish, and plenty of it, and a real live Santa Claus has been booked for the occasion to distribute the presents. Mr. and Mrs. Gerry expect to be present and preside at the dinner.

LONG TRIP FOR YALE CLUBS.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 22.—The Yale musical clubs departed from New Haven today on the longest trip which they have taken in ten years, covering over 4000 miles. The first concert takes place tonight at Waterbury, following which the tour will be extended west as far as Omaha and Kansas City. During the trip, members of the clubs will live in three private cars.

HOUSTON FAVORED FOR FARM LOAN BANK

COMPLETE ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECISION OF FEDERAL BOARD WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The federal farm loan board, considering 150 cities for the location of twelve farm loan banks, is understood especially to be considering Houston, Springfield, Mass., Baltimore, Charlotte, N. C., New Orleans and Hutchinson, Kansas. The complete announcement is expected within two weeks.

CHICAGO SEEKS LEWINSOHN.

New York, Dec. 22.—Sol Lewinsohn, a Chicago private banker who came into the limelight as bondsman for Jack Johnson at the time the pugilist was arrested on a white slave charge, was arraigned in the Federal court here today for a hearing to determine the question of his extraditionto Chicago, where he is wanted on a charge of using the mails to defraud in connection with his banking business. Lewinsohn disappeared from Chicago at the time of his indictment two years ago and his whereabouts remained unknown until he was found by the Federal authorities in this city three weeks ago.

Stomach Trouble and Constipation.

Those who are afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation should read the following: "I have never found anything so good for stomach trouble and constipation as Chamberlain's Tablets. I have used them off and on now for the past two years. They not only regulate action of the bowels but s... the liver and keep one's bo... healthy condition," writes J... jamin Hooper, Auburn, N. Y.

FREEZING ALL OVER TEXAS LAST NIGHT

FOURTEEN ABOVE AT DALLAS WHILE BROWNSVILLE WAS ONLY TWO DEGREES ABOVE FREEZING.

By Associated Press.

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 22.—It was 14 degrees above here this morning, the lowest for December since 1909. Freezing temperatures extended to the coast line. San Antonio reported 22, Houston 24, Galveston 26, Corpus Christi 32, and Brownsville 34. It is warmer today but may freeze tonight.

Snow Swept Cleveland.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 22.—The city is swept by a snowstorm and a 45-mile gale this morning. Drifts impeded steam and electric transportation.

Vapor Turned to Snow.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 22.—Steam formed when the water played on the $200,000 Atlantic Tea Company fire last night congealed into snow flakes which drifted four feet deep in the street.

FL... FLOOD CONTROL.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 22.—A fl... control bill carrying over $50,000,000 ... been favorably reported by the senate committee.

WOULD KEEP WYOMING AN OASIS.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 22.—A battle to make Wyoming dry is forecast for the legislature convening here early next month. The fight will be watched with close attention and interest by the people throughout the northern and central Rocky Mountain region. The significance of Wyoming's decision is that this State, as long as it remains wet, supplies the operating base for mail order sales of liquor into the seven dry States surrounding it.

Lively Cannonading.

Paris, Dec. 22.—There was lively cannonading in the region of Louvemont, north of Verdun, last night, it is officially announced. Heavy artillery duels occurred north of Monastir Thursday, and patrol encounters on the Struma front.

British Steamer Sunk.

London, Dec. 22.—The British steamer Itonous has been sunk Lloyd's reports.

Prepares for Coronation.

Budapest, Dec. 22.—The Hungarian parliament has completed arrangements for the coronation of King Charles by electing Count Tisza as paladin and 36 of its members as his assistants.

Captured El Arish.

London, Dec. 22.—El Arish, 90 miles east of the Suez Canal, was captured yesterday by the British.

Russians are Retiring.

Ptrograd, Dec. 22.—Russians in northern Dobrudja have retired further before superior numbers of Teutons, it is officially stated.

Stiff, Sore Muscles Relieved

Cramped muscles or soreness following a cold or case of grippe are eased and relieved by an application of Sloan's Liniment. Does not stain the skin or clog the pores like mussy ointment or plasters and penetrates quickly ... you...

From Saturday's Daily.

A WHITE CHRISTMAS.

Up in the country where the snow falls everyone prays for a white Christmas. Most of the old-timers retain the saying that "A green Christmas makes a fat churchyard." And this is merely because a "green Christmas" is opposed to the natural order of things, while down here a green Christmas would be the most ordinary sort of Christmas we could have.

We should remember that other countries are having Christmases of differing colors this year. Poland, Belgium, Armenia—the color is black, that of the burned rafters, the smoke-stained walls, the consumed haystacks. France, Rumania, and other sections of the wide-flung battle line—red, the color of the blood that is spilled in valorous defense of the fatherland. Germany—gray green, the neutral color of baffled hopes, of desperate desire ungratified, of constantly diminishing food supplies and lessened expectation of success. But over all broods the dove of peace—white, as the combined colors of the spectrum unite in forming the color which means surrender to the will of God.

White is the color which most of all appeals to the different races which go to make up the sons of men. It is the color of mourning of some, and of others it is the color of rejoicing. One poet speaks of the "fierce white light which beats upon a throne," and most of the people of the Western civilization allude to the "white angels in heaven," the "great white throne," and "the White Christ."

Peace is alluded to as "white," for the reason that perfect peace is not stained with blood or with fire, and neither is it marked by the green of jealousy or the jaundiced yellow of envy and cowardice.

The flag of truce is white, because it implies perfect trust and confidence in the good faith of the contracting parties. The white flag of surrender signifies the cessation of all hostilities, as well as the willingness to trust to the magnanimity of the conqueror.

The white Christmas signifies the blessing of peace which came to a sin-blackened, storm-swept world at a period when sin had reached its climax and war had done its worst. The infant Saviour typified the calm of surrender, the protection of the defenseless, mother freeing of the slave and the comforting of those that mourn.

This Christmas finds us blessed beyond all other people. Prosperous beyond all expectation, happy in the knowledge that we have escaped the sorrows and the burdens of war, thankful that peace envelops us as the cloud that led the chosen people out of Egypt, we can celebrate the coming of the Christ Child with "healing in his wings."

The Times wishes all a Merry Christmas. Whatever of peace and joy there is, we wish that you may have an abundant share. The privilege of giving to those that need, the joy of receiving, the content that comes of a full heart and a happy home—may all these be yours.

There are many whose Christmas may not be as filled with pleasures as our own. It becomes us to do all that we can to make them joyous, even though but for a little while. We can share our blessings, secure in the knowledge that a blessing share is doubled.

The whiteness of our Christmas, after all, comes from within. It is not dependent upon the weather, upon the markets or the prosperity of the nation. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he," said a wise man of long ago. And our rejoicing depends not upon fair weather, nor upon the outward prosperity which after all counts so little in the ultimate outcome of affairs, even of this world.

The Times will celebrate its Christmas by suspending publication on Christmas Day. It is the one day of the year which is taken as a holiday, and we feel that our readers will not begrudge us this one day for rest and recreation. Once more we wish all a Merry Christmas. May Santa Claus bring you, if not all that you expected, at least all that is necessary to make you enjoy your "White Christmas," in the same measure that you help to make others enjoy theirs.

VILLA STILL ACTIVE.

While official reports to Gen. Funston's headquarters indicated that Villa was conducting a campaign far to the south of Chihuahua City, the report—all unconfirmed, but accepted as credible—came to El Paso that Villa's forces yesterday morning attacked Torreon and, [illegible] battle was still [illegible] pastor—all are eloquent [illegible] ages of war.

[illegible] the peace proposals are not calculated to arouse the hopes of the people, [illegible] fact [illegible] there is no reason to [illegible] that the people have been [illegible] by [illegible]

za garrison. The latest rumors seem to confirm this report.

Just what Villa expects to gain by his southern campaigns is not easily comprehensible. The Carranza forces were drawn away from Chihuahua City in ostensible pursuit of the bandit and his followers who evacuated that place after looking it, but there have been no indications that they caught up with him.

On the other hand, Torreon offers a strategic point from which to attack Monterey and other cities in a section which still remains, nominally at least, loyal to Carranza. The possession of Torreon would give much prestige to Villa and would take him away from the zone of operations of the Pershing forces.

There has been an undercurrent of alarm visible in many places during the past two weeks. The reports that Zapata was menacing Mexico City, and that other—mostly independent—bandit leaders were operating in various sections have given rise to the report that Carranza was rapidly losing strength throughout the republic.

The reported defection of Gonzales at Juarez appears to be premature, to say the least, but he has lost the confidence of Carranza and no doubt will revolt if he has not already done so.

This is the time when a strict embargo on all arms and ammunition should be observed. It is not to the interest of this country that any of the bandit leaders, especially those known to be hostile to the United States, should be supplied with ammunition, and not even the desire to aid Carranza in maintaining his power should operate to raise the embargo.

Every round of ammunition captured from the Carrancistas is of use to those who are determined foes to this country, and it would appear that the Carrancistas are not able to retain what they have. Therefore, the shipping of fresh supplies to the Carranza government would be a very unwise move on the part of our government.

There is little reason to fear hostilities in this section. While the Carranza forces are not strong in this immediate vicinity, there is little to attract the attention of the bandits, and unless they should succeed in cutting communications to the south they might in turn be menaced by the forces in Monterey should they attack Nuevo Laredo.

Reports from Mexico City are very contradictory. Some state that the inhabitants are in a state of terror, while others say that everything is tranquil and that aside from a natural shortage of food supplies there is little to indicate unrest or discontent.

Many Mexicans have recently crossed the river to return home for the Christmas holidays, while many others are coming to this side for the same purpose. The movement is not as large as it has been during the past few months, and indicates a confidence which has not been previously felt.

The reported plots and conspiracies have kept the officials on both sides of the border active for the past few weeks, but so far there is nothing to show that the reports are based on reality. No arrests have been made by our secret service agents, and those made on the Mexican side are of the usual sort, based upon mere suspicion.

The present success of Villa would give him an advantage over Carranza, for the latter has met with little but defeat when his troops met the enemy in the field, and many are said to be deserting because of dissatisfaction with the present government.

Who wouldn't glad to live in Laredo instead of St. Louis? At least we have no steam congealing into snow at a fire, and our streets, though muddy at times, do not need steam snowplows to make them passable.

A ridiculous mistake in the press reports made it read that the British had captured "El Irish," 90 miles east of the Suez Canal. At first we wondered if one of the operators had not made a mistake in not writing "Los Irish," but we finally discovered that it should have read "El Arish." No, Evangeline, it had nothing to do with home rule.

And then, there is Cleveland, where snow blockades the city's streets and the unfortunate inhabitants of that frigid zone lost several hours while waiting for the cartracks to be cleared. Why won't people come to Laredo and be happy?

Some of the guardsmen are so tickled at being in this section while the winter is going on that they are praying for orders to keep them here until June brings decent weather up home.

Notice to Auto Owners.

This is to notify all auto owners that I am now ready to issue 1917 [illegible] autos. Come early and [illegible]

D. C. de LACHICA,
City Tax Collector.
12-14-15t.

DEMANDS MADE BY MEXICAN RAILWAYS GET CURT REFUSAL

DEMAND THAT TRANSFERS OF FREIGHT BE ON MEXICAN SIDE

Having Learned From Experience What Would Mean, American Railroads Rejects the Demands.

Peremptory demands from the Constitutionalist Lines of Mexico, and in fact the Carranza government, for they own and operate the railway system in Mexico, were received in orders sent to this city yesterday to the effect that beginning today the Constitutionalist Lines of Mexico would transfer no more freight in Laredo, but that from and after this date all such transfers would of necessity have to be made in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico; that no employes of the Mexican lines would be allowed to transfer freight in Laredo.

This would mean that carloads of exportations to Mexico would have to be crossed over the international railroad bridge from this city to the Mexican side of the river, the force of men employed in the work would be in Nuevo Laredo and all the business transacted directly with all parts of Mexico in the freight line would be done directly from Nuevo Laredo instead of Laredo. By the terms of this order it would be necessary for the rolling stock of various roads of the United States loaded with consignments of freight for Mexico to cross to the Mexican side of the river and there remain until it should be the pleasure of the Mexican lines to return them. To eliminate such a condition the railroads two years ago or more issued orders that their cars were not to be crossed to the Mexican side of the Rio Grande, but that where it was necessary to cross flat cars, etc., that the Mexican railway people deposit one thousand dollars for each car crossed, and the amount deposited reverted to the depositors when the car was returned to the American side. Under no conditions otherwise than these were cars allowed to cross to Nuevo Laredo.

Many carloads of freight have been crossed into Mexico in the past and during the present trouble in that republic that were never again heard from, and hence the railroads of the country owning the cars suffered heavy losses of cars, which are no doubt today used by the various Mexican railways in transporting freight. Demands have constantly been made by the various American railroads for the return of their rolling stock, but all such requests have been ignored by the management of the Mexican railways and likewise the Carranza government officials to whom the demands were presented. Consequently hundreds of thousands of dollars of American railway rolling stock have been lost in Mexico prior to the time that the railroads decided that no more cars would be allowed to cross the international railroad bridge at Laredo, but that the shipments must be transferred at this point to cars sent across the bridge to this city by the Constitutionalist Lines of Mexico.

The demands of the Mexican railways that the transfers heretofore made in Laredo be changed to Nuevo Laredo meet with a curt refusal at the hands of the American owned lines whose cars, laden with freight destined for Mexico, are received and now transferred to the Constitutionalist Lines at this place. Realizing that the demands are unreasonable, the American railroads very promptly reached their decision in making an answer to the order of the Mexican lines, and that answer is that no American-owned cars will cross the Rio Grande under any consideration in future, not even if the forfeit money heretofore put up is offered.

HOLIDAY FARES VIA I. & G. N. RY. Excursion tickets to all points in Texas on sale Dec. 15 to 26 inclusive, also Dec. 31 and Jan. 1; limit Jan. 5. To Louisiana tickets will be sold Dec. 21 to 25, inclusive, also Dec. 30 and 31; limit Jan. 7. For rates, schedules, reservations, etc., see Ticket Agent, I. & G. N. Ry.

Notice to Celebrators.

This is to warn those who might be out celebrating during the holidays that no firing of cannon crackers or fire arms will be allowed and any person caught doing so will be dealt with to the fullest extent of the law.

M. BRENNAN,
City Marshal.
12-23-6t.

Notice.

Hunting or fishing without my written permission is strictly prohibited in any and all pastures owned or controlled by me. Any person who violates this is a trespasser and will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

T. A. COLEMAN.
10-26-tf.

HELEN SHELBY PASSED AWAY.

Woman Who Lingered for More Than Three Days Between Life and Death, Died at Mercy Hospital.

After remaining in an unconscious and practically comatose condition since shortly after midnight Tuesday, when she was shot through the head with a 32-calibre bullet, Helen Shelby breathed her last at the Mercy Hospital last night shortly after 7 o'clock and surrendered her soul to her Maker that he might receive it into His keeping. In a dying condition from the moment she reached the hospital at an early hour Wednesday morning, only breathing lightly and being unable to utter a sound or move a muscle her body, Helen Shelby found relief in death. Relatives of the dead woman reached here this morning.

Jack Sheffield, the young man who surrendered himself to the police department early Wednesday morning with the statement that he had accidentally shot the woman, was yesterday arraigned before Justice Benavides and given a preliminary hearing on a charge of assault with intent to murder, and after hearing the evidence in the case Justice Benavides held Sheffield to the grand Jury in the sum of $5,000, which he was unable to furnish and was remanded to jail. With the death of the woman the charge against the man automatically changes to a more serious offense.

Sheffield Held Without Bond.

This morning Jack Sheffield was given another examination trial on a charge of murder of Helen Shelby and was remanded to jail without bail. The grand jury has been ordered reconvened early in January.

FEATHERS ORDERED DESTROYED

Beautiful Birds of Paradise Plumage Held in Laredo Ordered Destroyed By a United States Court.

According to information reaching Laredo from the office of United States District Attorney Green in Houston, who gave out the information to the newspapers of that city, the United States Court of Civil Appeals has set aside the order of Federal District Judge Waller Burns ordering the sale of the $30,200 worth of birds of paradise plumage confiscated by the customs department at the time of the arrest of A. Kallman of New York, and have ordered the feathers destroyed.

Official information to this effect has not yet been received in Laredo, where the feathers are held, but the news is enough to well the eyes of many Laredo women with tears, for when they looked upon the beautiful feathers with a sympathetic, wistful look, the eyes told a story without words. It may be that only a certain number of feathers from each bird will destroyed with the order of the court.

To Our Friends and Patrons.

We wish to thank our customers for the liberal patronage extended us during the past year and to solicit a continuance of same during the coming year. Wishing one and all a MRRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR, we are,

Yours truly,
THE SANITARY GROCERY.
12-23-2t.

TROOP B, MISSOURI CAVALRY.

Returned Last Night From Bigford Crossing, Where They Been Stationed the Past Four Months.

Troop B, Missouri Cavalry, Captain C. C. Butterfield, commanding, which has been absent from their camp here for the past four months stationed at the Bigford ranch, 70 miles up the Rio Grande from Laredo, returned to Camp Missouri last evening, having made the distance of seventy miles on their mounts.

The members of the troop were glad to be relieved of their prolonged service in a scantily populated section of the border, but while there they were given a real insight to what would be expected of the United States cavalry forces in the event of hostilities. The troop returned here to join the Second Missouri and the units which have been designated by General Funston as the forces to be retired from the federal service as soon as railway equipment can be secured to carry them to Fort Riley, Kansas, where demobilization will occur.

Stiff, Sore Muscles Relieved

Cramped muscles or soreness following a cold or case of grippe are eased and relieved by an application of Sloan's Liniment. Does not stain the skin or clog the pores like mussy ointments or plasters and penetrates quickly without rubbing. Limber up your muscles after exercise, drive out the pains and aches of rheumatism, neuralgia, lumbago, strains, sprains and bruises with Sloan's Liniment. Get a bottle to-day. At all Druggists, 25c.

LAREDO'S SUCCESSFUL CITIZENS



"ED" COTULLA,

"Ed" Cotulla, Special Deputy United States Collector of Customs, was born in Atascosa County, Texas, April 19, 1875, and moved to Cotulla in the year 1881, where his father had been prominently identified with ranching since 1868. Mr. Cotulla received his education in the schools of Atascosa County and at Cotulla, later completing a thorough commercial college course, then accepting employment as bookkeeper for various mercantile concerns and ranches.

Possessed of an excellent education and being the holder of a First Grade Teachers' Certificate, Mr. Cotulla in 1904 passed the Civil Service examination and in November of that year was appointed an inspector, with station in this city, September 17, 1906, being promoted to the responsible post of Deputy Collector which position he held until August 1, 1913, when upon the consolidation of what was known as the Brazoria Santiago and Corpus Christi customs districts, he was appointed Special Deputy Collector, being reappointed to the same position Oct. 11, 1913, in which capacity he still acts.

Having enjoyed vast experience in ranching, filling positions from fence rider to manager and possessed of a technical knowledge of the intricate rules and regulations of the Customs Service, Mr. Cotulla has made a valuable officer, thoroughly appreciated by his superiors and his staff.

Possessed of a pleasing personality, a deep knowledge of the customs service and impartiality in enforcement of the laws, Mr. Cotulla is alike appreciated in social, club, fraternal and business circles to which he has an open sesame as one of the city's prominents and a gentleman "worth knowing."

LITTLE LOCALS

—Monday will be Christmas, and as tomorrow is Sunday, there will be two days of vacation coming to many persons and they will have ample opportunity to enjoy their Christmas. Here is wishing one and all a Christmas laden with untold joys and happiness and may it be the best of your lives.

—This is the busiest of all days at the postoffice and the express office, for the clerical forces at both places, together with the mail carriers and deliverymen, are laden with packages sent by distant relatives and friends to civilians, national guardsmen and the soldiery. Likewise there is a rush of outgoing packages.

—Several Christmas tree entertainments given by the various Sunday school organizations are scheduled to take place at the churches either tonight or Monday night. These are gladsome times for the little ones, and there are also many grownups who get disappointed and downcast if they, too, are not remembered by old Santy on these occasions.

—Quite a number of large pine trees and also mountain cedar trees have been brought to Laredo by express for use at Christmas tree entertainments. Some of the trees arriving today came as far away as the state of Washington and are ideal trees for the purpose for which procured.

—We wish all a very Merry Christmas and a most prosperous New Year. Drs. Wilson and Stafford, the dentists.

—To the members of those churches that have no services tomorrow and to the general public the Presbyterian church wishes to give a very cordial invitation to worship with us this Christmas season.

—The rector of Christ Church extends a hearty welcome to all who have no church affiliations to attend the services tomorrow and on Christmas Day. The music will be inspiring and the services will be of a nature to appeal to all.

—Postmaster Worsham requests the Times to state that there will be no deliveries made by the mail carriers tomorrow or Monday, but that the carriers' windows, as well as the general delivery and parcels post windows will be kept open both days from 10 a. m. to 12 noon.

SOCIETY

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt
Editor . . . . Phone 70

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Sunday.

The Junior League of the Methodist church will meet at the church at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian Church will meet at the church at a quarter of seven o'clock in the evening.

The Epworth League of the Methodist Church will hold its regular weekly meeting at half after six o'clock in the evening.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Christian church will hold their regular weekly meeting at the church at seven o'clock in the evening.

The Younger Girls will entertain Monday with a Christmas dance at Elks Hall at half after eight o'clock in the evening.

Tuesday.

The A. and M. Boys will entertain with their annual Christmas dance at Elks Hall in the evening.

This May Interest You.

The Times desires all social items of interest and cordially invites its readers to supply such news to the society editor. Send or phone all items about weddings, parties, visitors, dinners, receptions, bazaars, children's parties, etc. If you are leaving town or returning, or have visitors arriving or departing, The Times will be glad to know it. While names will not be used all written communications must be signed. This is imperative to prevent imposition. Address all society communications to the Society Editor of The Times or phone No. 70 between 7 a. m. and 9 a. m. and 2 to 7 p. m.

Whiskers long and grizzly,
Hair as white as snow,
Dressed in furs and flannels,
Pockets seem to grow;
Doesn't use an auto,
Rides in sleigh, instead,
Drawn by huge reindeers,
With antlers on their heads.
Looks like nice old fellow,
Bet he's good old scout;
Wonder what he's doing,
Driving all about?
Looks like I have met him
Somewhere heretofore,
Sleigh looks quite familiar,
With its toys galore.
Get a little closer,
Look him in the eyes—
Can not be mistaken,
Though he's in disguise.
Know the rascal? Sure, Mike;
When I was a lad,
He never missed a visit
To make my young heart glad.
Hello, there, Old Timer,
Glad to see you back;
Bet I've got a present
In that great big sack.
Shake, old Pal, say, give me
One of your big paws;
Put 'er there, old fellow;
Howdy, Santa Claus.

—Texas Republic.

General Mention.

Mrs. G. J. Giles arrived yesterday afternoon from San Antonio, and is stopping with Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Halsell.

Miss Julia Schultz left today on the noon train for San Antonio to spend the holidays, and will be the guest of Mrs. Louis Stumberg, and Mrs. H. B. Shiner while there.

Mr. Fred. Gunter left last night for San Antonio on a visit to his sister, Mrs. Lottie Meldrum, and will also go on to New Orleans for a short stay.

Mr. E. Sharkey will arrive today from Mexico to spend the holidays with his family.

Miss Sara Vidaurri left yesterday for San Antonio to spend the holidays.

Misses Beulah and Esther Sharkey arrived yesterday to spend the holidays with relatives.

Marcus Wormser arrived yesterday to spend the holidays with his parents.

Miss Kathleen MacGregor arrived yesterday from San Antonio for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Johnston left yesterday for San Antonio to spend the holidays.

Miss Margaret MacGregor will arrive today from San Antonio to spend the holidays.

Mr. Walter Stein left last night for Flatonia to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Weinert left last night for San Marcos to spend the holidays.

Miss Ellen Ramsay arrived home this morning from Agnes Scott College at Decatur, Ga., to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Ramsay.

Rev. J. C. Ramsay of Big Springs, Texas, will arrive home this afternoon to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Ramsay.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Stowers and baby, of Montgomery, Alabama, arrived here this morning to spend the holidays with Mr. Stowers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Stowers.

Miss Florence Hatfield of Fort Worth arrived in the city this afternoon to spend the holidays as the guest of Mrs. John A. Applewhite.

Miss Celina Ferrara, who is attending the Incarnate Word college, and Masters Vicente, Jr., Aurelio and Jose Ferrara, who are attending the St. Louis college at San Antonio, are all home in this city to spend the holidays.

Master Atanacio Benavides is home from college in San Antonio to spend the holidays.

Dance.

The regular weekly hop at Elks Hall last evening was a delightfully informal affair, and among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vidales, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Muller, Misses Anita Yeager, Alice Denike, Lillian Westbrook, Belle Westbrook, Eva Austin, Mrs. Sue Schmitt, Lieutenants Hemphill and Hobson, Messrs. Jim Gray, Seymour Denike, John Seymour, John Mussett, Horace Weimer, Tom Mussett, Tom Austin and Ben Alexander, Misses Rodriguez and Josephine Sauvignet, and Lieutenant Shands.

Announcements.

The Christmas tree and entertainment for the Baptist Sunday school will be tonight at 7:30 o'clock. A beautiful program has been arranged and the children will all be remembered with gifts.

The Christmas tree and entertainment of Christ Church Sunday School will be the night of Tuesday, Dec. 26. A short service will be given in the church, after which the children and the grown-ups will repair to the Rectory, where the tree will be a blaze of lights and the presents will be distributed.

Entertainments.

The J. U. G. Club met with Miss Anita Sharkey on Thursday afternoon, and spent several happy hours. Music and conversation were the features of the afternoon's entertainment. The hostess served a delicious two-course luncheon to the following members: Misses Sara Vidaurri, Tina Sanchez, Vesta Sutton, May Netzer, Esther Sharkey and the hostess.

The children of the Presbyterian Sunday School entertained with a beautiful entertainment last evening, when they gave the following program:

Opening Song, "Joy to the World,".. ..... Sunday School
Chorus, "Merry Christmas All the Year," ..... Sunday School
Duet, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," Norman Sorrell and Warren Thompson.
Solo ..... Ruby Colman
Chorus, "Mrs. Santy Claus."
Recitation ..... Dorothy Borchers
Chorus, "Every Sunday Boy,"..... ..... By the boys
Solo ..... Pearl Colman
Chorus, "Merry Christmas to All,"... ..... Sunday School.

..At the conclusion of the program, Santa Claus visited the church, where the Sunday School had a Christmas tree, and left behind many happy children.

Death of Rev. Father Morales.

Rev. Father Cristobal Morales, a refugee priest from San Luis Potosi, Mexico, who has been in Laredo for about a year, died at Mercy Hospital last night following a long illness and the funeral was held this afternoon from the Convery Undertaking Parlors, with interment in the Catholic cemetery. Father Morales was aged about 60 years.

HARD TO PLEASE.

"Are you aware that the United States government spends a large sum every year on its weather bureau"

"No," the confirmed pessimist replied; "but, regardless of whether the amount is great or small, the sort of weather we get is not worth the money."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Albany boxing promoters are eager to stage a return match between Jeff Simth, the Bayonne middleweight, and Joe Eagen of Boston. The pair furnished a rattling good bout at Boston recently.